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Dear Reader:

As a human rights publication, our fight to advance human rights takes the form of words—words that shed light on human rights issues and attempt to provide remedies and solutions to persons and communities affected by those violations. Our words are mindful of racial, gender, religious, sexual, socio-economic, and regional identities, and our proposed solutions to human rights violations are inclusive of diverse perspectives. We transform rhetoric into action, and we urge you to use the words in this issue to embolden your fight to advance the rights of those most marginalized and seek ways to creatively transform the law to protect and progress human rights across the globe.

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In this unique issue, we present cutting-edge and intentional legal analyses on human rights issues from the voices of a diverse group of practitioners and students. Our articles, podcasts, and programming cover an impressive breadth of local and international human rights issues ranging from the ongoing international legal violations occurring in Ukraine, the need for restorative justice for marginalized communities in the United States, the right to internet access in Sri Lanka, human rights issues surrounding homelessness in Washington, D.C., gender discrimination and wrongful termination in the United States, the right to consular access in the Inter-American Human Rights System, and much more.

Beyond our regular coverage of human rights issues, we are excited to present a special column devoted to covering the rights of refugees, asylees, and migrants. The inclusion of this special column was inspired by the topic of the annual *Human Rights Brief* Spring symposium entitled “Reimagining the Refugee & Asylee Experience Through Law: Exploring U.S. Culpability and (Un)Exceptionalism.” In this special column, we begin by summarizing the presentations of our renowned symposium speakers. Further, we include an article looking at the protection gaps for climate disaster-induced migrants and solutions to these issues. We then provide a side-by-side analysis of the reproductive rights of migrants in the United States, and the United States’ violations of those rights from both a domestic and international legal perspective. Finally, we end by looking at the inadequacies of U.S. asylum laws for transgender asylum seekers.

As we prepare to transition our publication to its next leadership team, we cannot help but reflect on our progress in providing timely, diverse, and culturally competent legal analyses, and we are excited to see how this legacy of the *Human Rights Brief* manifests through the next academic year. To our publication team, we thank you for your dedication to advancing human rights—this publication would not be possible without your unwavering support. To our supporters, we are grateful for your continued backing as we all advocate for a world that is more just and more rights-respecting.

With gratitude,

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