

Editors' Note

The process of publishing Volume 29 of *Policy Perspectives* began with the first in-person meeting of journal staff in nearly a year, just weeks after the CDC approved vaccines for all adults. After two semesters of stay-at-home orders and online classes, interacting with our fellow classmates face-to-face was like a breath of fresh air. We felt excited about the new opportunities for Volume 29 and set out on the shoulders of our predecessors determined to create the best journal that we could. After soliciting dozens of articles from students past and present, and after months of work fine-tuning the important policy messages they contained, we are proud to present this year's edition of *Policy Perspectives*.

Our authors have distilled a wide variety of fascinating topics down to their most salient points to provide guidance for policymakers and everyday folks alike. *Policy Perspectives* as always has endeavored to include a variety of articles on important subjects. This year our featured articles include reviews of vehicle tax policy, addiction, drinking water management, grantmaking, and the HIPPA rule change. Additionally, our authors have proposed solutions to address the racial wealth gap, reparations, proposed rent regulations, and the earned income tax credit.

We are especially grateful to our Associate Editors, for their diligent work to make this journal a reality. Thank you, Linsi Goodin, Megan Johnson, Kody Keckler, Alexis Lewis, Alek Libbon, Charlotte Mitchell, Seth Morrison, Talia Nusbaum, and Dalton Wells for contributing your time and efforts. We are also grateful to our team of Senior Editors—past authors and editors of this publication—who took the time to make this volume another successful link in the *Policy Perspectives* chain. Thank you also to Brett Litzler, Executive Editor of Brief Policy Perspectives, for your diligent stewardship of the blog and your dedication to expanding the format by relaunching the WonkCast, hosted by William Somes to whom we are also incredibly grateful.

The staff and faculty of the Trachtenberg School have always been a large part of the success of *Policy Perspectives*, and Volume 29 is no different. A sincere thank you goes out to our faculty reviewers for providing their direction and expertise to our authors. Dr. Kathy Newcomer in particular has been invaluable in her capacity as our advisor; we are grateful for her guidance and care throughout this year. We are thankful for Dr. Mary Tschirhart, the Director of the Trachtenberg School, for her constant championship of *Policy Perspectives*. Thank you also to Pamela Brown for her administrative assistance and to Dolsy Smith for his assistance bringing *Policy Perspectives* into the world via our website. Finally, thank you, the reader, for your curiosity to explore these profound policy issues.

It has been our honor and privilege to serve as Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor of Volume 29, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to showcase some of Trachtenberg School's best and brightest. We hope these pieces will be as thought-provoking to you as they were to us.

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