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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*Elizabeth F. Richer*

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, it is my honor and privilege to present the third issue of Volume XXV. Our Symposium focused on environmental justice issues and was held on Friday, April 1, 2022, at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Within this issue, our authors explore environmental justice issues facing our global community. Our issue begins with a transcription of our Symposium, in which speakers and panelists discuss current trends in environmental justice, climate change and climate justice, evolutionary issues in environmental and energy justice, and federal and state environmental justice initiatives. Following the transcription is our first article, authored by Jon A. Mueller and Taylor Lilley of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This article examines the history of the environmental justice movement as well as recent regulatory actions. Next, our second article, authored by Lemir Teron, an assistant professor at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry, analyzes the importance of utilizing a restorative justice framework in the redevelopment of America's infrastructure. Our third article, authored by John D. Graham, the former Administrator of the U.S. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, discusses the importance of including an equity test in order to measure the efficiency of new federal regulations relating to air pollutants and drinking water contaminants. Our fourth article, authored by Abigail Fleming, Practitioner-in-Residence at the Environmental Justice Clinic at the University of Miami School of Law, and law student Catherine Dremluk, explores the framework necessary to arm climate activists and advocates within the energy justice movement. Lastly, our fifth article, authored by Mark Davis, the Director of the Tulane Institute on Water Resource Law and Policy and the Tulane Center for Environmental Law, discusses the impact climate change will have on the current gap in legal assistance provided to minority communities. Our issue also features student-written notes and commentary regarding the lack of diversity within environmental organizations and the land rights of indigenous people.

This issue's publication would not have been possible without the dedication of our Symposium Editors, Natalie King and Mallory Chesney. Additionally, we are thankful to our keynote speaker, Senator Ghazala Hashmi. We are also thankful to our panelists, moderators, and authors: James May, Alice Kaswan, Michael Gerrard, Monica Esparza, JB Ruhl, Sara Gosman, Andrea Simpson, Laura Gonzalez, Peggy Sanner, Jasdeep Khaira, Lemir Teron, Jon A. Mueller, Taylor Lilley, John D. Graham, Abigail Fleming, Catherine Dremluk, Mark Davis, Haley Walter, Haley Edmonds, Professor Joel Eisen, Professor Noah Sachs, and Professor Danielle Stokes. We are also grateful

for all of the dedication and hard work our staff has done to ensure the success of Volume XXV. On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, we hope this issue offers insight into current environmental justice issues facing our society.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Richer

*Editor-in-Chief*