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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*Courtney Squires*

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, it is my honor to present the first issue of Volume XXVII, the 2023 edition of our General Assembly in Review.

In this issue, authors discuss a variety of issues leading up to, and affecting, the 2023 General Assembly session. This issue opens with a piece that surveys, and critiques, some of the key initiatives introduced during the 2023 legislative session, including campaign finance reform, ratepayer reform and the establishment of a cannabis retail market. The issue continues with an overview of legislation that addressed issues family law, intimate partner violence and child welfare. The issue then highlights a pilot project in Southwest Virginia to transform the Catawba Hospital into a treatment facility for both acute mental illness and substance use disorder. Our General Assembly in Review will conclude with an examination of the early impact of Virginia's Commission on School Construction and Modernization, and a broad survey piece authored by our General Assembly Editors, Ben Raab and Mariam Rasooli.

I would like to acknowledge Ben and Mariam for their hard work and determination throughout this publishing process, and I would like to thank every staff member of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review* for their tremendous effort in publishing this issue. I would also like to thank our authors Carlos Hopkins, Abigail Thompson, Valerie L'Herrou, Delegate Sam Rasoul, Mary Beth Dunkenberger, David Moore, Lara Nagle, and Matthew Stanley. The *Richmond Public Interest Law Review* appreciates your contributions to this issue, and commends you for your commitment to making the Commonwealth a better place for everyone. On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, I hope this issue encourages thoughtful discourse on these important issues for years to come.

Sincerely,

Courtney Squires

*Editor-in-Chief*