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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The *University of Richmond Law Review* is honored to present its 2022 Symposium Issue: *Forming a More Perfect Union with Public Health Law*. Each year, the *Law Review* hosts a Symposium for scholars and practitioners to engage with a specific area of the law. The past two years of the coronavirus pandemic have raised sirens around long-extant health inequities, inefficiencies in regulatory agencies, and public distrust surrounding local health governance, and it has forced us to face urgent questions about the way we legislate, regulate, and adjudicate health in this country. This year's Symposium aimed to explore some of those timely and important questions.

On March 25, 2022, the *Law Review* virtually hosted a group of passionate and intelligent minds to address a range of important public health issues. Yael Cannon, cofounder of the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance, gave the keynote address on social determinants of health. The day proceeded with presentations by Professor Jessica Roberts and Dr. Chris Ghaemmaghami, who discussed public trust in health governance; Professors Natalie Ram, Lance Gable, and Jeffrey Ram, who presented their scholarship on wastewater surveillance; Professor Polly Price, who spoke about tuberculosis control; Dr. Evan Anderson and Professor Scott Burris, who speculated on a better public health response to the coronavirus pandemic; Professor Govind Persad, who proposed reformation of Medicare age cutoffs; and Madison Harrell, who presented her student comment on expanding Medicaid coverage post-partum.

Many of our presenters also wrote Articles for publication in this Symposium issue. We thank Professor Yael Cannon of Georgetown University Law Center; Professors Emily Berman, Leah Fowler, and Jessica Roberts of the University of Houston Law Center; Professor Natalie Ram of the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Professor Lance Gable of the Wayne State University Law

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The *University of Richmond Law Review* hopes you enjoy the Volume 56 Symposium Issue: *Forming a More Perfect Union with Public Health Law*.

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