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Dear *Journal* Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of Volume XXXIII of the *Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy*. This issue presents four exceptional articles, each discussing a timely and important policy issue facing the world today.

Our first article is from Professor John W. Head of the University of Kansas School of Law. Professor Head's article focuses on the restoration of natural landscapes—specifically discussing a progressive 30x30 natural restoration initiative in the Great North American Prairies. The article begins with an overview of the general 30x30 commitment (to place 30% of the Earth's landscapes into protected status by the year 2030) and moves on to describe the implications of such a commitment in the Great North American Prairies. Professor Head's detailed approach considers legal and policy efforts needed to establish an initiative of this magnitude, along with suggested parameters for land use, energy, agriculture, and lifestyle changes that will be necessary for success.

University of Kansas School of Law student and Staff Articles Editor for the *Journal*, Andy McLandsborough, authored our second article. Mr. McLandsborough's article was anonymously selected by the preceding Editorial Board of the *Journal*. The article addresses the implications of autonomous technology on farm workers in Kansas. The article begins with a detailed overview of the history of mechanized farming equipment along with the impact this technology could have by replacing manual farm workers. Mr. McLandsborough proposes that the solution is to reskill these farm workers through various policy initiatives in Kansas to ensure the workers are not left jobless but instead learn a new skill set that will complement the autonomous farming technology.

Our third article, written by University of Kansas School of Law student and Executive Staff Articles Editor for the *Journal*, Elm Beck, was also anonymously selected by the preceding Editorial Board of the *Journal*. Their article focuses on discrimination faced by LGBTQ+ people across Kansas and proposes a policy framework to heal the

individual harm done by discrimination. Specifically, the article suggests implementing restorative justice practices in Kansas as an alternative to traditional enforcement of anti-discrimination laws and policies.

Nicholas Knowles, a law student at St. Mary's University School of Law, authored the Issue's fourth article. His article discusses long term solutions to hedge against overruling *Obergefell* in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs*. The article describes the different tests used by the Supreme Court when determining protected rights under the Fourteenth Amendment—and that the right to same-sex marriage could be in jeopardy. Mr. Knowles proposes several solutions to protect the right to same-sex marriage, including amendments to state constitutions and reevaluation of the Privileges or Immunities Clause in the US Constitution.

I am grateful to the Editorial Board and Staff Editors for their tireless work and countless hours spent bringing this issue to publication. In addition, and on behalf of all *Journal* members, I thank Professors Richard Levy and Corey Rayburn Yung for their advice and support throughout the publication process. Now, please enjoy the scholarship we have prepared in Issue 2, Volume XXXIII of the *Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

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