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## Letter from the Editors

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Dear Readers,

Let us begin by thanking you for the unprecedented response to our journal. Since July of 2020, *The Liberty University of Statesmanship & Public Policy* has had articles downloaded over two thousand times from every continent except Antarctica. We are deeply grateful to our readers, writers, and editors who have contributed to this journal's continued success.

Now, more than ever, *The Liberty University Journal of Statesmanship & Public Policy* is committed to academic excellence, rigorous review, and above all, a deeply thoughtful, ethical, and Christian perspective of both the people, and the politics, of our nation and our world.

We remain committed to the idea that our rights are God-given, and we should continue to participate in civil discourse in an effort to better exercise those rights.

For this second issue, we once again had an overwhelming number of submissions and are publishing here the best—with topics that range from legal precedent, to protectionist tariffs, to personhood at conception, in categories that include domestic public policy, international relations and foreign policy, national security, and political philosophy. Because of our initial volume of submissions, this is the second installment of our bifurcated issue, which contains articles relating to domestic public policy and international relations & foreign policy.

We are proud to announce that due in part to the wonderful response of *The Liberty Journal of Statesmanship & Public Policy*, the journal along with the Helms School of Government will be hosting a conference in March of 2021, entitled "Culture & Crisis: Reconciling Constitutionalism & Federalism in a Time of Crisis," with several panels tackling the issues of our day, including topics like the culture wars, criminal justice reform, grass roots activism, and protection of religious liberty. We are looking forward to this event and hope to see you there.

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The next edition of the journal will be published in the Summer of 2021, and we plan to have our call for papers issued in February of this year. We look forward to considering and reviewing your submissions!

Sincerely,

*The Liberty University Journal of Statesmanship & Public Policy* Editors-in-Chief  
Bess Blackburn, Shaddi Spencer, Catherine Latchford, & Yolanda Michelle Robinson