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The Pepperdine Public Policy Review is excited to present you with the sixth volume of our academic journal. This year we had an array of excellent submissions which made choosing a representative selection of the analytical and policy application skills of the students quite difficult. Yet, I am pleased to offer you a wide variety of scholarly articles covering many current topics in the present policy arena both domestically and internationally.

This volume focused specifically on presenting articles which addressed a current policy issue and provided real time recommendations to mitigate the concerns raised. For example, included are articles which address the current global warming concerns and new resource seeking techniques such as hydraulic fracturing. Questions are raised and addressed concerning the Affordable Care Act and a free market, and the current U.S. relations with North Korea. The Review even highlights some international policy concerns such as the impact of clean water on child mortality in Senegal, and the economic impact of infrastructure development in former Soviet Union countries. Finally, this volume also addresses present domestic and international concerns such as the digital arms race and the potential threat it creates, as well as policies to encourage growth in a weak global economy. The Review is extremely excited to present you with a rich selection of scholarly articles.

For their constant support and encouragement of the Review's efforts and hard work, we would like to personally thank Dean Wilburn and Sheryl Kelo. Also, we would

like to thank Professor James Prieger for his assistance and direction which constantly improves the quality of the analytical articles. Finally, I would like to give a personal thanks to all the Policy Review Editors who worked so hard to produce an excellent representation of the analytical and problem solving skills of the Pepperdine Public Policy students, showcasing their great talent to the policy world.

Sincerely,

Amy Kennedy

Editor-in-Chief