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# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

For the second edition of *The Georgetown Public Policy Review's* 20th year of publication, we decided to focus on an important and often overlooked area of policy – regulation. While we often hear from politicians that we have either too many or too few regulations, we rarely go beyond the arguments for small or large government to investigate the actual implications of rulemaking on policy outcomes.

Laura Wilson, the Executive Print Editor for this edition, and her team have worked with authors whose work shines a spotlight on the process and outcomes of rulemaking. Josh Bivens uses cost benefit analysis to evaluate the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Clean Power rule and highlights how using regulation can offer a way around legislative impasse and prove an effective mechanism for achieving political goals. Next, Gary Bass, Daniel Gotoff, Celinda Lake, Katherine McFate, and Robert Weissman make the case that support for strong enforcement of regulation cuts across party lines. Reba Carruth discusses international regulatory policy cooperation in the context of the Food and Drug Administration, and Akshay Sinha explores what is needed to create effective regulatory structures for the electric power industry, using examples from Europe and Asia. Uuriintuya Batsaikhan looks at the performance of Switzerland's economy during the financial crisis, and asks whether policy or unique circumstance led to its exceptional performance relative to its European peers. Finally, we end this edition with an interview with the McCourt School's first postdoctoral fellow, Gaurav Sood, whose work involving the use of massive data is at the heart of what may be the next arena for state regulatory intervention.

Collectively, these authors identify enforcement, agency independence, employment impacts, national and state capacity, and timeliness of interventions as ways to evaluate the role, efficacy, and "right-size" of regulatory bodies. Not all readers will agree with their conclusions, but we hope that the evidence and arguments they lay out will offer something for all readers to reflect upon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Duddy-Tenbrunsel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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