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**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
FOREWORD**

Again and again, the world reveals to us how broken it is. Tragedy after tragedy. Trauma after trauma. Our history has consistently let us down. Far too often, those in the margins are cast aside and subjected to the harshest burdens. In a world that never seems to get any better, it becomes more and more difficult to not allow the systems of oppression we live under to take and destroy our hope. But our history has also shown that for every evil in our world, there exists a resilient spirit with the will to keep fighting. From the criminal justice system to the education field, advocacy emerges in many different forms. In this issue, we uplift the voices of those who, with their words and ideas, are fighting for a brighter future. *In Consequences of Police in Schools: The Criminalization of Children in an Era of Mass Incarceration*, Katherine Holloway highlights the diminishing returns and devastating consequences of police presence in our education system. In *Protecting California's Farmworkers during the Wildfire Crisis: The State's Response and the Need for Reform*, Maria Salinas Mendoza urges California to take immediate action to protect farmworkers who have been subjected to hazardous and unjust labor conditions. As illustrated by Rangita de Silva de Alwis' *Addressing Allyship in a Time of a "Thousand Papercuts,"* it is crucial to constantly reflect and observe our past efforts. In the case of diversity in the legal field, the data and research have shown that past diversity initiatives have fallen short of eliminating structural and systematic bias. Lastly, in *The Challenges in Health Care for Pregnant Women in U.S. Correctional Institutions*, Mahnoor Yunus raises serious concerns about how the U.S. prison system fails to provide adequate medical care to incarcerated pregnant women. The writers in this issue are just a few of the countless advocates working for communities that need and deserve equity. Throughout this issue, we hope you will constantly be reminded that we cannot give up. To create a future that we can be proud of, we must never stop fighting.

Thank you,

Ritchie Lee
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