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## Foreword

The Founders recognized that the Constitution was an imperfect document and enshrined within it a mechanism for future generations to modify the governing law of the land. Over the past 230 years, however, Article V's amendment procedure has only been used rarely. In order to foster greater discussions around Constitutional Amendments, the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy* structured its annual Spring Symposium and Symposium Issue around proposals to amend the Constitution. In the call for papers, authors were directed to formulate enactment ready drafts of amendment texts. Then, on February 2, 2018, selected authors came to Duke Law School to present and defend their proposals. For each amendment, a member of the Duke Law faculty was selected to provide formal comments. The authors' constitutional amendment proposals and written comments by Duke Law faculty are memorialized in this issue of the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*.