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## **A Letter from the Political Science Department**

The Political Science Department is proud to present the seventh edition of the Susquehanna University Political Review. This journal presents some of the best undergraduate research on politics that has been done by Susquehanna students throughout the past academic year, highlighting work that has been done in classes and in our Senior Capstone. In addition to recognizing high quality student scholarship, we hope that this journal will encourage upcoming students in their research efforts by showing them the kind of work that can be done by students who engage in research that is both rigorous and creative. Congratulations to Torin McFarland, Christina Martin, Hope Swedeen, and Kira Zimmerman for setting a high bar for future students.

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