Statement Regarding the Publication of

In 2005, Stanford Law School Professor Robert Weisberg and Ohio State University (O.S.U.) Professor Saul Cornell jointly organized a conference addressing how changing cultural and historical perspectives on gun policy have influenced the interpretation of the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment Research Center, a component of the John Glenn Institute at O.S.U., helped to defray a portion of the costs of hosting the conference at Stanford Law School.

Based on the high quality of the academic debate and the papers presented at the conference, the editors of the Stanford Law & Policy Review decided to publish a subset of these papers as an addendum to the journal's seventeenth volume. The pieces appeared collectively as the volume's third issue, titled “Gun Control: Old Problems, New Paradigms.” Given that O.S.U. was involved in the original conference, the school also offered to defray a portion of the production costs of the publication. As it does with all of its issues, the Stanford Law & Policy Review exercised full editorial control over the selection and final text of the published papers. Neither O.S.U. nor the Joyce Foundation played any role in that process.

Neither of us served in leadership positions on the journal when any of these decisions were made and therefore do not know whether the Stanford Law & Policy Review then had a policy of not mentioning funding sources or if the omission was inadvertent. We apologize if this omission has caused any of our readers to question the academic integrity of our publication. The Stanford Law & Policy Review remains committed to upholding the high standards of objectivity and impartiality that have been core values of the journal since its founding.

To ensure that such confusion does not occur in the future, we have instituted a new policy requiring the disclosure of all funding sources in our print editions. At this time, however, the Stanford Law & Policy Review does not receive any outside sponsorship for the publication of the journal.

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