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EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The final journal publication produced by our outgoing board contains one of this young journal's finest articles, an article coauthored by four distinguished professors from across the country. The article, *Green Jobs Myths*, explores the policy impact behind subsidized environmental programs. Andrew Morriss, William Bogart, Andrew Dorchak and Roger Meiners exhaustively analyze proposals for adopting entirely new methods of producing energy, food and various products. The article uses economic analysis to discredit many of the most ambitious environmental goals discussed by our government.

While I feel strongly about protecting the environment, I also feel strongly about determining the economics behind environmental initiatives. Unless environmental initiatives are grounded in firm economics, we run a great risk of destroying value with projects that are unsustainable with goals that are unachievable. My concern is that, if left unchecked, an irrational and euphoric belief in the value generated by environmental initiatives could create an investment bubble with a potential to burst like the dot-com and the housing market bubbles. To counter any such irrational exuberance, I am proud to publish *Green Jobs Myths* in the Missouri Environmental Law & Policy Review.

At the opposite end of the political spectrum from *Green Jobs Myths* sits Don Ellinghausen Jr., who criticizes a powerful voice among conservatives for denying judicial remedy for alleged environmental harm. This article provides an interesting reflection on the relationship between Judeo-Christian religion and environmentalism and highlights a contradiction common to some religious conservatives.

Our student article, written by Claire Riegelman, contends that government's strong role in environmental protection has caused a decline in environmental accountability of ordinary citizens. Her article will leave readers with a better understanding of the history of the environmental movement and will give readers some ideas as to where the environmental movement is headed.

I want to wish the new board the best in managing the Missouri Environmental Law & Policy Review. Of course, I must thank Mike, footnote extraordinaire, as well as Claire, Lee, Jerri, Joe, Celina, Andrew and Hannah. Thanks to all for your hard work.

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