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Despite considerable discussion of federal sentencing and prison reform in recent years, the last significant statutory change dates back all the way to the 2010 Fair Sentencing Act. Many proposals and much hope for reform have confronted an array of political and practical challenges that kept significant statutory reforms just out of reach. But in 2018 the federal reform stars seemed to align. In January, in his first State of the Union address, President Trump promised that “this year we will embark on reforming our prisons to help former inmates who have served their time get a second chance.” The next month, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to advance the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act with bipartisan support. But these events, while adding critical momentum to congressional reform efforts, quickly shifted the discussion to what form possible federal statutory reforms could and should take.

This Issue of *FSR* provides a snapshot of various debates over the direction and scope of federal statutory reform proposals in 2018. As of this writing, significant statutory reform is still a possibility rather than an achieved reality. But the pieces in this Issue highlight the terms and significance of the reform debate that occurred over the course of the year. Special thanks go to Professor Shon Hopwood, who has been a leading advocate of federal reforms, for helping solicit and curate the articles in this Issue.



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