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EDITORS' NOTE

The philosophy of Volume 26 is guided by the principle that our articles must center the voices of the women we seek to uplift. The law feigns objectivity towards plaintiffs. The statement of facts is regularly detached from whom the plaintiffs or defendants really are and what injuries they truly faced. In our legal discussions, far too often judges, legal scholars, and lawyers similarly refer to these groups with such distance. In this way, like the subjects of ethnographies, these people become objects that are only to be studied. We refuse this distant stance which robs people of their humanity and reduces them to trendy objects of discussion.

Marissa Ditkowsky's article aims to surface the ways in which low-wage workers, often women of color, who have been sexually harassed in the workplace face challenges in seeking legal justice for this harassment yet have often been eclipsed from the predominant #MeToo dialogue. In order to further center the voice of these women, this Volume includes three letters written by women janitors of color to their assaulters or rapists. Beatriz Guillen, Veronica Lagunas, and Leticia Soto bravely write letters to those who harmed them. These letters detail their experiences and may be triggering. However, these letters confront their trauma head-on and are a radical act of empowerment.

— Ysabel J. Jurado and Amy Thompson
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