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During times of political uncertainty, it is easy to let the political environment dictate our work. More pressing issues may take precedence over scholarly curiosity, cross-sector collaboration, or genuine community engagement. It is during these precise times, however, that it is more important than ever to maintain integrity and continue the mission of our work.

Democracy, equity, sustainability, ethical use of evidence, and a comprehensive approach to health are the core values behind all HIA practice. It is important that we maintain these values and continue to use HIA to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities in which we live and work.

As the field grows and advances, HIA practitioners will continue to experience uncertain political climates. Despite current challenges, practitioners in the field have produced prodigious outcomes. It is the dedication of these practitioners, and the positive outcomes for the communities in which they work that gives life and purpose to what we do.

It is for these reasons that the Chronicles of Health Impact Assessment continues to be a key resource and outlet for the field. The articles contained in this issue are excellent examples of the continual development of the practice of HIA. We hope that this work inspires you to continue to approach your own work with creativity, novelty, and resilience.

Sincerely,

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