

Chamber Calls on Lawmakers to Support GO Virginia Funding

Thank you for your continuing interest in GO Virginia. I want to urge your support for additional funding for GO Virginia during the upcoming budget discussions.

Thanks to the state's current investment in GO Virginia, the regions are off to a strong start. This past summer, each of the nine regions engaged in a thorough regional economic analysis that helped reveal the region's many economic strengths as well as some of the challenges it faces.

Since that time, the regions have been proposing projects to address those challenges, however; that work has only just begun. To keep momentum moving forward, I am seeking your support during the 2018 General Assembly session to increase the state's investment in GO Virginia. Specifically, I urge you to consider:

- An increase in per capita funding from \$10.9 million/year to \$18.4 million/year
- An increase in statewide competitive funding from \$11.3 million/year to \$13.8 million/year

If these funding levels were approved, regions across the state would have significantly more funding to fund impactful projects and restore Virginia's economic competitiveness.