



March 15, 2018

The Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 1475  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor Northam:

On behalf of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, an organization with a membership of approximately 700 businesses, I write to urge you to sign H.B. 1204, related to assessing property devoted to open space use according to its current use.

Our Chamber has consistently supported assessments based on current usage rather than highest and best use. In Arlington, this affects the land occupied by Army Navy Country Club and Washington Golf and Country Club that is currently being assessed based on the residential land value. While we had hoped that local action could be taken, this bill would bring Arlington assessments in line with neighboring jurisdictions and fairness to the process.

The Arlington Chamber urges you to exercise executive action to sign H.B. 1204 into law. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me directly at 703-525-2400, extension 206 or [kbates@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:kbates@arlingtonchamber.org).

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Bates' in a cursive script.

Kate Bates  
President & CEO