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Chair Schuyler VanValkenburg Senate Education Committee – Public Education Subcommittee General Assembly Building 201 North 9th Street Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair VanValkenburg and Public Education Subcommittee Members,

On behalf of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express our support for three bills on the Subcommittee docket.

The Arlington Chamber support HB825 (Cousins) as a positive step forward in more equitable state public school funding.

The Arlington Chamber also supports HB1247 (Maldonado) as a more effective distribution of funds to support teachers of English language learners.

We additionally support HB1345 (Anthony) for its commonsense policy proposal creating flexibility for Virginia's students to pursue in-demand, valuable workforce credentials while working towards a high school diploma.

We ask that you support all three bills in Subcommittee tomorrow morning.

Best Regards,

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