



January 26, 2026

Senate Local Government Committee
Senate Room B
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair McPike and Members of the Committee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber I wish to express our support for **S.B. 314** (Ebbin), concerning tourism improvement districts and the transient occupancy tax in Arlington County.

This bill would grant Arlington County with the flexibility to pursue two options for dedicated tourism funding, benefitting our hospitality sector and our economy. We urge you to please report this bill favorably out of Committee this morning.

Best Regards,

John



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House Finance Committee
Subcommittee #2
House North Subcommittee Room - 200
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair Anthony and Members of House Finance Committee, Subcommittee #2-

I am John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our support for **H.B. 956** (Watts). This bill amends now-outdated language in the code and clarifies tax law related to allowable out-of-state deductions.

I ask that you please report this bill favorably out of the subcommittee tomorrow afternoon.

Best Regards,

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January 28, 2026

Senate General Laws Committee
Housing Subcommittee
Senate Room B
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair VanValkenburg and Members of the Senate General Laws - Housing Subcommittee,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our support for **S.B. 629** (Srinivasan). The bill would modernize and expand Virginia's First-Time Home Buyer Savings Plans, reflecting market realities and help improve housing affordability for Virginians. We urge you to please report this bill favorably out of Subcommittee today.

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Dear Chair Ebbin and Members of the Senate General Laws Committee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our opposition to **S.B. 430** (Bagby). We believe that this bill would grant localities excessive authority to limit employers' abilities to choose their employees.

We ask that you do not report this bill out of Committee this afternoon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee
Subcommittee #2
House Committee Room B-205
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair Sewell and Members of House Counties, Cities and Towns - Subcommittee 2:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber I'm expressing our strong support for **H.B. 524** (McClure).

This legislation would add two tools to the tourism promotion toolbox for Arlington County, expanding local government and hospitality sector efforts to create dedicated destination marketing funds. Increased tourism to Arlington would benefit our economy and increase Virginia state tax revenues.

We urge you to please report this bill favorably out of Subcommittee 2 tomorrow morning. Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Chair Sewell and Members of House Counties, Cities and Towns - Subcommittee 2:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber I'm expressing our support for **H.B. 1279** (J.G. Cole).

This bill ensures the right of faith institutions and certain nonprofits to build new homes by right on land that they own, reducing unnecessary zoning hurdles. This is a practical, community-led bill that empowers the Commonwealth's faith institutions and protects their ability to increase the housing supply in their communities.

We urge you to please report this bill favorably out of Subcommittee 2 tomorrow morning. Thank you for your consideration.

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House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee
Subcommittee #3
House Committee Room B-205
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair Askew and Members of House Counties, Cities and Towns - Subcommittee 3:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our opposition to **H.B. 922** (Lopez).

The Arlington Chamber opposes granting Arlington County the broad authority included in this bill before first convening a stakeholder group, and developing a specific policy proposal concerning affordable housing contribution requirements.

We urge you all to please not report the bill out of the Subcommittee tomorrow morning. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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January 30, 2026

House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee
House Committee Room B-205
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Dear Chair Helmer and Members of House Counties, Cities and Towns:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I'm expressing our support for **H.B. 1279** (J.G. Cole).

This bill ensures the right of faith institutions and certain nonprofits to build new homes by right on land that they own, reducing unnecessary zoning hurdles. This is a practical, community-led bill that empowers the Commonwealth's faith institutions and protects their ability to increase the housing supply in their communities.

We urge you to please report this bill favorably in today's full committee meeting, without any re-enactment clause included. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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Dear Chair Helmer and Members of House Counties, Cities and Towns:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I'm expressing our support **H.B. 524** (McClure).

This legislation would add two tools to the tourism promotion toolbox for Arlington County, expanding local government and hospitality sector efforts to create dedicated destination marketing funds. Increased tourism to Arlington would benefit our economy and increase Virginia state tax revenues.

We urge you to please report this bill favorably in today's full committee meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

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House Appropriations Committee
Elementary & Secondary Education Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee Room - 1200
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair McQuinn and members of the Subcommittee,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our support for **H.B. 18** (McClure), the establishment of the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.

This legislation is a smart proposal that would enable greater childcare access for employees of Virginia businesses, benefitting employees and families across the Commonwealth. We urge you all to please report the bill favorably in the Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee this afternoon.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Chair McPike and Members of the Committee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. I wish to express the Chamber's support for **S.B. 531** (Srinivasan).

S.B. 531 would allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in residentially zoned single-family districts, ensuring greater flexibility for homeowners, promotes housing options, and removes unnecessary zoning obstacles.

We urge you all to please report the bill favorably out of Local Government on Monday morning.

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Dear Chair McPike and Members of the Committee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our support for **S.B. 367** (Carroll Foy) and **S.B. 388** (McPike).

S.B. 367 and 388 protect the right of houses of worship and certain non-profits to build housing on land that they own, benefitting those institutions and boosting the supply of housing in the Commonwealth.

We urge you to report these bills favorably out of the Committee on Monday morning. Thank you for your consideration.

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