



February 16, 2026

Virginia House of Delegates  
General Assembly Building  
201 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Members of the Virginia House of Delegates,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Arlington Chamber, I wish to express our strong support for **H.B. 524** (McClure), regarding tourism funding for Arlington County.

This bill would grant Arlington County the flexibility to pursue two options for dedicated tourism funding, benefiting our hospitality sector and our economy. Studies have shown that destination marketing in Arlington generates \$9 in visitor spending and \$1.20 in taxes for every \$1 invested. Increased tourism benefits the economy and the tax coffers of the Commonwealth as a whole.

We urge you to please support H.B. 524 on the House floor tomorrow.

Thank you,

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House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee  
Subcommittee #3  
House Committee Room B - 205  
General Assembly Building  
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Dear Chair Askew and Members of the Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee -  
Subcommittee #3,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.  
On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our strong support for **S.B. 318** (Ebbin).

This legislation provides localities with the option to permit a price matching option for local goods, services, and construction in the procurement process. The bill does not include a mandate; rather, it creates an option for localities to give local businesses a measured competitive advantage. S.B. 318 is a locally driven approach that allows local governments to respond to unique economic conditions without imposing new mandates.

We urge you all to please report the bill favorably out of the Subcommittee tomorrow morning. I have attached a one-pager with more information on S.B. 318. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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Dear Chair Askew and Members of the Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee - Subcommittee #3,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our strong 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 remove unnecessary zoning obstacles.

We urge you all to please support the bill in Subcommittee #3 tomorrow morning.

Best Regards,

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Dear Chair Helmer and Members of the Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee,

I'm John Musso with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wanted to express our support for **S.B. 314** (Ebbin).

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. Studies have shown that destination marketing in Arlington generates \$9 in visitor spending and \$1.20 in taxes for every \$1 invested. Increased tourism benefits the economy and the tax coffers of the Commonwealth as a whole.

We urge you to please support S.B. 314 during tomorrow morning's Committee meeting.

Best Regards,

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Dear Chair Helmer and Members of the Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee,

I'm John Musso with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wanted to express our support for **S.B. 388** (McPike). S.B. 388 protects the right of houses of worship and certain non-profits to build housing on land that they own. This bill removes unnecessary red tape, empowers our faith institutions, and encourages increases in the supply of housing in the Commonwealth.

We urge you to please support this bill during tomorrow morning's committee meeting.

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Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee  
Senate Finance and Appropriations Room 1300  
General Assembly Building  
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Dear Chair Lucas and Members of the Finance and Appropriations Committee,

I am John Musso, Government Affairs Manager of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our support for budget amendment **Item 335 #9s**, which provides \$500,000 each year to expand homelessness prevention and comprehensive services for families in Northern Virginia.

Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) works with thousands of families across the region. This amendment would allow NVFS to assist families in stabilizing housing, navigating benefits, and supporting employment. This investment would allow NVFS to build upon its strong track record of providing family services, and represents a targeted approach that helps families as well as the Commonwealth's economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chair Lucas and Members of the Finance and Appropriations Committee,

I am John Musso, Government Affairs Manager of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our support for budget amendment **Item 151 #1s**. This proposal would increase continued base funding for George Mason University and its Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs). Sustained base funding helps ensure that George Mason continues to attract and retain talent, and funding for SBDCs supports critical workforce development programs that benefit our Commonwealth's workers.

We urge you to please include this amendment in the final biennial budget. Thank you for your consideration.

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