



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports HB 1986, the management agreement between the Commonwealth and George Mason University granting the university Tier 3 status. George Mason has met all of the statutory requirements for approval as a Tier 3 institution, following its five-year pilot program in Tier 2.5. George Mason is an engaged contributor to our local community in Arlington and to our region and the Commonwealth as a whole, and we expect that it will make good use of this status to serve its educational mission. We thus encourage you to recommend reporting the bill.