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House Appropriations Committee
Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee Room
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair Rasoul and Members of the Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Arlington Chamber, I urge you all to please support HB1771 in the Elementary & Secondary Education Subcommittee meeting this afternoon.

This Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program, established by this bill, would be a valuable tool for more Virginians accessing child care and early childhood education. It would support working families and offer employers a strong benefit to help them recruit and keep strong workers.

We urge you to support the bill in Subcommittee. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Best Regards,

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