



April 6th , 2020

The Honorable Ralph Northam
Governor of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor Northam,

In light of the historic health and economic crisis that COVID-19 has caused in the Commonwealth, we would like to first thank you for your leadership and unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our citizens.

On behalf of the Alexandria, Arlington, Greater Reston, Loudoun, Northern Virginia, Prince William, and Tysons Chambers of Commerce, and our over 5,500 member businesses combined, we join with the Virginia Chamber in asking that you to consider conforming the Virginia state income tax filing deadline to the new Federal deadline of July 15th 2020, as at least 40 other states have recently done.

Virginia’s businesses have experienced unprecedented economic hardships during this time. Thankfully, there is relief through the SBA Economic Disaster Loans and CARES Act in sight. Unfortunately, this puts a greater burden on CPA firms to not only walk their clients through these business saving resources, but also prepare and submit tax returns over the next three weeks while working under the necessary “Stay-At-Home” order.

As you can see, the need for this conformity is great. There are thousands of Virginians that need this extension without interest and an entire industry that is bearing the burden of preparing both emergency loan documents and tax returns for their clients, while facing an unmeetable deadline.

Thank you for your consideration and your support of our small businesses,

Sincerely,

Tony Howard
President & CEO

Loudoun County
Chamber of Commerce

Kate Bates
President & CEO

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