



February 1, 2026

House Finance Committee
Subcommittee #1
House Committee Room B-205
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair Hernandez and members of the Subcommittee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our support for **H.B. 403** (Reid). The proposed income tax credit for child care expenses would help Virginian families better afford child care, while incentivizing employers to invest in child care for their employees.

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

Best Regards,

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Senate Local Government Committee
Senate Room B
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair McPike and members of the Senate Local Government Committee:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our strong opposition to **S.B. 355** (Boysko).

The Arlington Chamber strongly believes that granting any authority to control rent increases will only serve to discourage the development of new homes, exacerbating the existing shortage of homes at all price points that the Commonwealth is facing.

We urge you all to please oppose the bill in Committee tomorrow morning. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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House Rules Committee
Studies Subcommittee
House Committee Room B
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair Helmer and members of the House Rules, Studies Subcommittee,

I am 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. 1118** (Nivar).

This legislation is a step forward in streamlining and simplifying permitting and licensing for small businesses at the Commonwealth level, further ensuring that Virginia remains one of the best states to do business. We urge you to please report this bill favorably in Subcommittee tomorrow morning

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Dear Chair McPike and Members of the Senate Local Government Committee:

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express that we are respectfully opposed to **S.B. 296** (Favola).

The Arlington Chamber appreciates the patron bring this request from Arlington County. We respectfully oppose this legislation, as Arlington County should not be granted 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 ask you all to please not report the bill out of Committee tomorrow morning. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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February 2, 2026

House Appropriations Committee
House Committee Room B-205
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Chair Torian and members of the House Appropriations 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 **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 Committee hearing this afternoon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

John



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February 2, 2026

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
Senate Finance and Appropriations Room 1300
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

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

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our strong 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. 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 the Committee tomorrow morning.

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January 28, 2026

House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee
Subcommittee #3



February 2, 2026

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
Senate Finance and Appropriations Room 1300
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair Lucas and Members of the Senate Finance & Appropriations 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 favorably out of Committee tomorrow morning.

Best Regards,

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February 2, 2026

House Labor and Commerce Committee
House Committee Room A-008
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair Ward and Members of the House Commerce & Labor Committee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express our respectful opposition to **H.B. 338** (Lopez). We appreciate the intent of the bill, but 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 favorably out of Committee tomorrow morning.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best Regards,

John



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February 3, 2026

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

Dear Dear Members of the House of Delegates:

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. 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 vote for H.B. 524 on the House floor tomorrow. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

John



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February 3, 2026

Senate General Laws and Technology Committee
Senate Room B
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

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 am writing to express our support for **S.B. 629** (Srinivasan), legislation that updates and expands Virginia's First-Time Home Buyer Savings Plan to better reflect current housing costs and improve access for prospective buyers.

This bill allows first-time buyers of townhouses, condominiums and manufactured homes to reap the benefits of the Savings Plan, and updates the principal limit to account for the modern housing economy. This bill is an intelligent policy for incentivizing homeownership in the Commonwealth.

We urge you to please recommend the bill favorably in Committee tomorrow afternoon.

Best,

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February 5, 2026

Senate Education and Health Committee
Senate Room A
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair Favola and Members of the Senate Education and Health Committee-

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our support for **S.B. 203**. This legislation is a thoughtful proposal that would enhance the career and technical education courses in our Commonwealth's high schools. We ask you to please support the bill in Committee later this morning.

Best,

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February 6, 2026

Virginia State Senate
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Members of the Virginia Senate,

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. 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 next week on the Senate floor. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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February 8, 2026

General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
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Dear Senator,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to express that we are respectfully opposed to **S.B. 296** (Favola).

The Arlington Chamber thanks the patron for bringing this request from the Arlington County government. However, we continue to have strong concerns regarding this legislation. We believe that Arlington County should not be granted the broad authority included in this bill before the County first convenes a stakeholder group and develops a specific policy proposal concerning affordable housing contribution requirements.

We ask you to please not report the bill out of the Committee tomorrow morning.

Thank you very much,

Best,

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This written comment was sent individually to eleven members of the Senate Local Government Committee.