

January 13, 2020

Dear Virginia General Assembly Senators and Delegates,

The Virginia Grassroots Coalition's issue working groups have reviewed bills filed for the 2020 General Assembly and have prioritized those that we believe must pass this year. Many of our member groups have signed this letter in support of these legislative priorities. If you have questions, we would be happy to explain why specific bills were chosen. You can contact us at vagrassrootscoalition@gmail.com. We have also listed additional recommended bills on the issue advocacy pages of the coalition's website: <https://www.viriniagrassroots.org>.

2020 PRIORITY BILLS

Combat climate change by requiring 100% clean energy including the transportation sector by 2040.

Virginia Clean Economy Act

- HB 1526 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB1526>
- SB 851 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB851+>

Green New Deal

- HB 77 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB77>

Solar Freedom

- HB 572 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB572>
- HB 912 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB912>
- SB 710 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB710>

Low Emissions Motor Vehicle Program

- HB 577 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB577>

Reduce gun violence through universal background checks; extreme risk laws and one handgun per month purchase limitation.

Universal Background Checks

- HB 2 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB2>

Extreme Risk Protection Order

- SB 240 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB240>

One Gun per Month

- SB 69 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB69>

Criminal Justice Reform

Healthy Communities Secure Care

- HB 551 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB551>

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Inform Jury of Potential Range of Punishment

- HB 100 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB100>
- SB 325 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB325>

Increasing the Felony Larceny Threshold

- HB 263 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB263>

Degrees of Robbery

- HB 871 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB871>
- SB 805 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB805>

LGBTQ Rights

Banning Conversion Therapy

- SB 245 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB245>
- HB 386 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB386>

Supporting Trans students

- HB 145 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB145>
- SB 161 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB161>

Add gender identity and sexual orientation to non-discrimination policies

- HB 21 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB21>
- HB 23 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB23>

Women's Reproductive Rights

Provision of abortion; informed consent; regulations

- SB 733 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sb733>

Right to reproductive choice

- SB 635 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sb635>

Constitutional amendment; personal reproductive liberty (first reference)

- SJ 2 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sj2>

Virginia Human Rights Act; discrimination on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth

- SB 712 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sb712>

Immigrants' Rights

Legalize drivers licenses for non-documented immigrants

- HB 1211 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=hb1211>
- SB 643 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB643>

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Legalize in-state tuition for non-documented immigrants

- SB 935 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB935+>
- HB 1138 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB1138>

Removing provisions that require reporting of juveniles in detention to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- SB 491 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB491>
- HB 244 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB244>
- HB 1150 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB1150+>

Workers' Rights

Establish a statewide paid family and medical leave program

- HB 825 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=hb825>
- SB 770 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB770>

Strengthen opportunities for labor organizing, including by repealing "Right to Work"

- HB 153 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=hb153+>

Nonpayment of wages

- SB 48 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB48>
- SB 49 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB49>

Nonpayment of wages under construction contracts

- SB 838 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB838>
- HB 123 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB123+>

Mental Health and Harm Reduction

Safe reporting of overdoses; immunity from prosecution

- HB 532 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB532>
- SB 667 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB667>

Comprehensive harm reduction programs

- HB 791 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=hb791>

Equity in Education

Fully Fund Virginia's Educational Standards of Quality

- HB 1316 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=hb1316>
- SB 728 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sb728>

Promote fairness and transparency in our politics

Limits on contributions to candidates for statewide office and the General Assembly

- HB 895 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB895>

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Banning contributions to candidates from public service corporations

- SB 25 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+sb25>
- HB 111 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+hb111>

Campaign Finance Disclosure Act: Making unlawful the conversion of political contributions for personal use

- HB 848 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB848>

Disclosure related to political campaign advertisements

- HB 849 <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB849>

Promote fairness and transparency in our elections

No Excuse Absentee Voting

- HB 1 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB1>
- SB 45 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB45>

Same Day Voter Registration

- HB 187 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB187>

Voting Rights in Virginia Constitution

- SJ 8 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SJ8>

Repeal Voter ID Law

- HB 19 <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=HB19>

Thank you for fighting for our progressive values by supporting these priority bills.

The groups that endorse this letter are:

Virginia Grassroots Coalition

Network NoVA

Postcards4VA

Virginia Democracy Forward (VADF)

We of Action (WofA)

Indivisible Virginia 11

Hunter Mill Huddle

Indivisible Below the Beltway

Women On Your Left VA

350.org Alexandria

Our Revolution Alexandria

Fairfax Grassroots

NoVA Grassroots

Scientists for Progress in Northern Virginia

Our Revolution Arlington

American Promise, Virginia Chapter

350 Loudoun

Our Revolution Falls Church

Progressive Democrats of America - VA

Loudoun Progressives

Progressives for Equality and Compassion for Everyone (PEACE)

Climate Reality Project of NoVA

Earth Rise Indivisible

VirginiaGrassroots

Indivisible Northern Virginia

Herndon Huddle

NOVA Climate

Herndon Reston Indivisible

Virginia Justice Democrats

Williamsburg JCC Indivisible

Generation Ratify

Grassroots Alexandria

Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors of NoVa
(WIN-NoVa)

350Fairfax

Indivisible Del Ray

Indivisible Nova West

New River Valley Indivisible

Green New Deal

ACLU People Power Fairfax

Arlington Action Group

RISE for Youth

Lewinsville Faith in Action

Indivisible Arlington

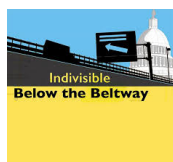
Indivisible Winchester

Arlington Mental Health & Disability Alliance

Justice Forward Virginia

The Chris Atwood Foundation

Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition



VIRGINIA JUSTICE DEMOCRATS

