



2026 Affordability Scorecard



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Since our founding in 2020, we have advocated for a Virginia we can all afford, and the 2026 session delivered landmark new laws that will make life more affordable for regular people: paid family and medical leave for all Virginians, boosting construction of affordable homes, protecting consumers from subscription traps, closing corporate tax loopholes for Big Tech to support affordable healthcare and child care, and spurring more cheap, clean solar energy. Beyond what the General Assembly passed and Governor Spanberger signed, it's also important to note what policymakers rejected, including expansions of predatory gambling and handouts to Big Pharma.

As we release our review of the 2026 legislative season, we must also note the national context in which we're living: state governments are bearing more burden than ever to support regular people after Congress passed HR 1 in 2025, slashing affordable healthcare and groceries for the middle class all to give tax breaks to the wealthy. This year's prolonged state budget debate laid bare the increased fiscal pressures faced by Virginia's government. And it laid bare another fact that will be at the center of our work into 2027: we cannot truly deliver affordability for regular people without generating more revenue for Virginia's government, and we can only generate that revenue by closing tax loopholes exploited by the ultra-rich and corporations.

Amid the backdrop of a Trump administration infested with corporate-driven corruption, insider trading, and handouts to special interest donors, voters around the country are right now rejecting a politics driven by a business-first, donors-first mentality. And in Virginia, this care for corporate interests over those of regular people continues to stand in the way of further progress to make a Virginia You Can Afford, including Gov. Spanberger's veto of the bipartisan Affordable Medicine Act or the hesitancy of the legislature to hold Big Tech accountable.

Freedom Virginia is immensely proud of the new laws passed during the 2026 legislative season, and is grateful to all those elected officials who have worked alongside us as champions and allies. This work is far from over, and we look forward to continuing our mission in the 2027 session and beyond.

Rhena Hicks & Ryan O'Toole, Co- Executive Directors

2026 Legislators of the Year



Senator Creigh Deeds

During the 2026 legislative session Senator Deeds championed the Affordable Medicine Act to lower prescription drug prices for Virginians. We're grateful for his commitment to the legislation

and we look forward to continuing the fight for affordable medicine alongside him in the coming years.

"Far too many people are forced to choose between filling a prescription and putting food on their table. I was proud to carry legislation this year that took an innovative approach to make drugs more affordable for Virginians. The bill was ultimately vetoed, but I will just work that much harder next year, with partners like Freedom Virginia, to make life more affordable for all Virginians."



Delegate Joshua Cole

During the 2026 legislative session Delegate Cole championed Faith in Housing legislation that will ensure more affordable homes are built in Virginia. The legislation will give more hardworking people

the opportunity to build their future and create a home.

"Virginia is not just in a crisis of affordability but also a crisis of faith; a crisis of faith in our power to solve problems. For us to fix the problems of today, we have to believe we can fix them. We have to believe we can overturn broken systems and build better ones in their place. And we must believe that breaking with tradition is not because we have fallen out of faith, but because those who cling to the past have lost theirs."

2026 Affordability Champions



Sen. Louise
Lucas



Sen. Lashrecse
Aird



Sen. Jennifer
Boysko



Sen. Travis
Hackworth



Sen. Jeremy
McPike



Sen. Stella
Pekarsky



Speaker Don
Scott



Del. Karrie
Delaney



Del. Michael
Webert



Del. Atoosa
Reaser



Del. Briana
Sewell



Del. Rip
Sullivan

2026 Economic Security Allies



Sen. Lamont Bagby
Sen. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Sen. Jennifer Carroll Foy
Sen. Barbara Favola
Sen. Angela Williams Graves



Sen. Michael Jones
Sen. Mamie Locke
Sen. David Marsden
Sen. Russet Perry
Sen. Danica Roem

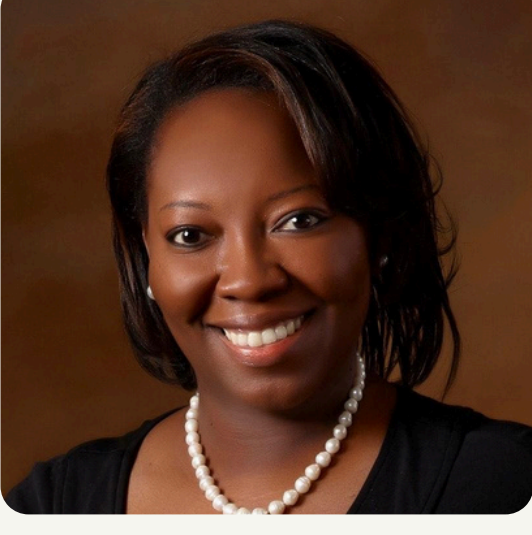


Sen. Aaron Rouse
Sen. Saddam Salim
Sen. Kannan Srinivasan
Sen. Scott Surovell
Sen. Schuyler VanValkenburg

2026 Economic Security Allies



Del. Kimberly Pope Adams
Del. Jessica Anderson
Del. Bonita Anthony
Del. Alex Askew
Del. Destiny LeVere Bolling



Del. Gretchen Bulova
Del. Katrina Callsen
Del. Karen Robins Carnegie
Del. Betsy Carr
Del. Stacey Carroll



Del. Nadarius Clark
Del. Laura Jane Cohen
Del. Nicole Cole
Del. Kelly Convirs-Fowler
Del. Rae Cousins

2026 Economic Security Allies



Del. Lindsey Dougherty

Del. Mark Downey

Del. Michael Feggans

Del. Lily Franklin

Del. Margaret Franklin



Del. Debra Gardner

Del. Jackie Glass

Del. Elizabeth Guzman

Del. Cliff Hayes

Del. Dan Helmer



Del. Rozia Henson

Del. Phil Hernandez

Del. Charniele Herring

Del. Patrick Hope

Del. Karen Keys-Gamarra

2026 Economic Security Allies



Del. Paul Krizek
Del. Amy Laufer
Del. Alfonso Lopez
Del. Marty Martinez
Del. John McAuliff



Del. Adele McClure
Del. Garrett McGuire
Del. Ellen McLaughlin
Del. Delores McQuinn
Del. Leslie Mehta



Del. Will Morefield
Del. May Nivar
Del. Cia Price
Del. Sam Rasoul
Del. David Reid

2026 Economic Security Allies



Del. Charlie Schmidt

Del. Holly Seibold

Del. Marcus Simon

Del. Shelly Simonds

Del. JJ Singh



Del. Irene Shin

Del. Josh Thomas

Del. Virgil Thornton

Del. Luke Torian

Del. Kathy Tran



Del. Jeion Ward

Del. Vivian Watts

Del. Rodney Willett

LOWERING THE COST OF MEDICINE

Affordable Medicine Act - [SB 271](#) & [HB 483](#)

The Affordable Medicine Act modeled its [first-in-the-nation](#) approach on the federal Medicare-negotiated Maximum Fair Prices (MFPs) for certain high-cost prescription drugs that are already in effect and have been adopted – and expanded– by both the Biden and Trump administrations.

The legislation received overwhelming bipartisan support in the General Assembly this year, passing the Senate [34-6](#) and the House [95-4](#). The Act would have saved Virginians [nearly \\$100 million annually](#) in out-of-pocket costs and premiums and would have used existing state authority to draw down the negotiated MFPs for hundreds of thousands of hardworking people not enrolled in Medicare, maximizing efficiency and minimizing fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

SB 271: Vetoed by the governor
[Vote History Here](#)

HB 483: Vetoed by the governor
[Vote History Here](#)

Other Bills We Supported to Lower the Cost of Medicine:

[SB 669](#), [HB 830](#): Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform
Signed by the governor

[HB 184](#): Directs Virginia Department of Health to conduct an evaluation of the All-Payer Claims Database
Signed by the governor

[HB 327](#): Directs SCC to apply to the federal government for extension of reinsurance waiver, and remove 20% premium reduction cap
Signed by the governor

[HB 829](#): Directs VDH to establish a hospital price transparency comparison tool
Left in the House Health and Human Services

[HB 1458](#): Directs HHR Secretary to convene work group examining impact of private equity on health care
Continued to 2027 in the House Committee on Rules

[SB 593](#): Prohibits an out-of-network health insurance provider from balance billing any enrollee for transportation provided by an emergency medical services vehicle
Left in House Labor and Commerce

IMPROVING WORKERS' LIVES

Paid Family and Medical Leave - SB 2 & HB 1207

Paid Family and Medical Leave will ensure that all Virginians can take up to 12 weeks of paid leave each year when they need it, such as when a new baby arrives or to recover from a serious illness or injury. Virginians will be eligible for Paid Family and Medical Leave after 120 days of employment. It will provide four weeks of safe leave for survivors of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, and stalking. It will also expand the definition of family to include extended relatives and “chosen” family. Finally, Virginians who use Paid Family and Medical Leave will receive 80% wage replacement and protection of their health care coverage for the duration of their leave.

SB 2: Signed by the governor
[Vote History Here](#)

HB 1207: Signed by the governor
[Vote History Here](#)



Paid Sick Leave - SB 372 & HB 5

Paid Sick Leave will ensure Virginia workers have access to paid time off when they're sick. The program allows employees to accrue one hour of leave for every 30 hours worked, and also specifies that in addition to using leave for their physical or mental illness or to care for a family member, employees may also use leave to obtain certain services or to relocate or secure an existing home due to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

SB 372: Signed by the governor
[Vote History Here](#)

HB 5: Signed by the governor
[Vote History Here](#)

IMPROVING WORKERS' LIVES

Raises the Minimum Wage - SB1 & HB1

This will incrementally raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2028. It will require the minimum wage to be adjusted to reflect increases in the consumer price index annually as of January 1, 2029.

SB 1: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 1: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)



Other Bills We Supported:

SB 149 & HB 176: Expands eligibility for RetirePath
Signed by the governor

SB 378 & HB 1263: Allows collective bargaining by all public employees
Vetoed by the governor

SB 121 & HB 20: Raises farmworker minimum wage
Signed by the governor



PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM PREDATORY CORPORATE PRACTICES

Click to Cancel - [SB 493](#) & [HB 1022](#)

Click to Cancel will ensure that Virginia consumers have easy, accessible ways to end certain services, memberships and subscriptions. Click to Cancel will protect Virginia consumers from subscription traps and allow them to keep more of what they earn by canceling when and how they want. This innovative state policy is modeled on Federal Trade Commission regulations enacted during the Biden administration that were overturned last year when a federal court agreed with corporate opponents, and now puts Virginia at the forefront of state and national consumer protection.

SB 493: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 1022: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

Virginia Gaming Commission - [SB 195](#) & [HB 271](#)

This would have established a Virginia Gaming Commission, an independent agency of the commonwealth, to oversee and regulate all forms of legal gambling in Virginia except for the state lottery.

SB 195: Incorporated into SB 609
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 271: Continued to 2027
Vote History [Here](#)



PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM PREDATORY CORPORATE PRACTICES

Other Bills We Supported:

SB 585: Prohibits a landlord and a multiple listing service from setting or adjusting rent prices, rental terms, etc based on algorithmic pricing recommendations

Passed by Indefinitely by Senate General Laws and Technology

HB 515: Prohibits use of credit cards as payment for sports betting

Signed by the governor

SB 615, HB 121: Prohibits the use of surveillance pricing in connection with a consumer transaction

Continued to 2027 by Senate General Laws and Technology, Continued to 2027 by House Commerce and Labor

HB 654: Provides that no company shall process user's biometric data without consent

Left in House Communications, Technology and Innovation

HB 825: Requires ticket sellers/platforms or resellers to display total price of a ticket for sale

Left in House Labor and Commerce

HB 1399: Limits toll charges to \$200 per month

Stricken from the Docket by House Transportation



MAKING VIRGINIA A PLACE HARDWORKING FAMILIES CAN AFFORD

The 2027-2028 biennial budget contains the following provisions that will make life more affordable for hardworking families:

- Cutting taxes for regular people by increasing the standard deduction by nearly \$500 per person to \$9,200 for single filers and \$18,400 for joint filers;
- Lowering the cost of health insurance by 70% for tens of thousands of hardworking Virginians;
- Establishing Virginia's Paid Family and Medical Leave insurance program to expand access to paid leave for nearly 3.5 million Virginians;
- Boosting housing development through increased investments in the Virginia Housing Trust Fund;
- Expanding access to affordable childcare, including the creation of a new Employee Child Care Assistance Program to help working parents gain access to quality care.

While this is an important first step toward addressing the affordability crisis in Virginia, it does not solve the problem.

The General Assembly must address our outdated tax system, which hasn't been updated since 1990 and groups teachers and millionaires in the same tax bracket. It must also close loopholes for corporations and the trillionaire class so we can generate revenue to fund middle class affordability. We applaud Governor Spanberger for rejecting gaming as a source of revenue, but we must ensure the General Assembly keeps a focus on sustainable, not regressive, revenue in the years to come.

The following legislators this session carried critical measures that would have made Virginia a more affordable place through tax fairness:

- **Senator Mamie Locke**
- **Senator Jeremy McPike**
- **Delegate Vivian Watts**
- **Delegate Phil Hernandez**
- **Delegate Kelly Convirs-Fowler**

MAKING VIRGINIA A PLACE HARDWORKING FAMILIES CAN AFFORD

Bills We Supported:

SB 662: Extends sunset to 2029; \$8750 standard deduction and 20% EITC

Left in Senate Finance and Appropriations

SB 676: Extends and makes permanent; \$8750 standard deduction and 20% EITC

Incorporated into SB 662 by Senate Finance and Appropriations

HB 372: Increases EITC refundability to 20% and makes permanent

Continued to 2027 by House Finance

HB 1074: Tax reforms: millionaire's tax (7.75%); increased standard deduction (\$10k); child tax credit (\$400); ACA premium tax credit extension; higher income tax subtraction for military benefits

Continued to 2027 by House Finance

HB 188: Millionaire's tax; taxes income in excess of \$1 million at a rate of 10 percent

Incorporated into HB 979 by House Finance

HB 378: Creates net investment income tax for people making \$500k+

Left in House Finance

Item 261 #4s: Mandatory Worldwide Combine Reporting
Not Included in Conference Budget

SB 664: Provides that Virginia will not conform to HR 1 tax measures

Left in Senate Finance and Appropriations

SR 6, HJ 34: Directs Department of Taxation to study repealing the car tax

Continued to 2027 by Senate Finance and Appropriations

SB 591, HB 1180: Directs Department of Taxation to create free tax filing program

Signed by the governor

HB 979: Increases standard deduction to \$10k; eliminates 1% grocery tax; establishes two new income brackets (\$600k and \$1M)

Continued to 2027 by House Finance

INVESTING IN AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

Dedicated Child Care Funding Formula - SB 134 & HB 1208

The dedicated funding formula, alongside other investments in childcare, will help to increase access to affordable childcare for Virginia families.

This will reduce the burden families feel to care for their children and will set Virginia kids up for success.

SB 134: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 1208: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

Creates Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program - SB 3, SB 119 & HB 18

This establishes the Employee Childcare Assistance Pilot Program to provide matching funds that incentivize employers to contribute to their employees' childcare costs. The Program will be conducted through the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and requires the Foundation to report to the General Assembly in 2028 and 2030 on the effectiveness and impact of the Program.

SB 119: Incorporated into SB 3
Vote History [Here](#)

SB 3: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 18: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)



INVESTING IN AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

Other Bills We Supported:

SB 268, HB 1004: Child tax credit (one-time, \$300, through 2030)

Continued to 2027 by Senate Finance and Appropriations; Left in House Finance

SB 20, HB 254: Requires DOE to establish income phase-out from child care subsidy program so benefits go down if income goes up
Left in House Education; Left in House Appropriations

Item 126 #2s: Fully funding child care system by expanding access and boosting worker pay
Not Included in Conference Budget



ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Faith in Housing - SB 367, SB 388 & HB 1279

Faith in Housing will direct localities to allow faith communities to develop housing on their property by-right. Virginia currently faces a shortage of 300,000 homes, and this bill will help close that gap, especially as Virginia has more than 70,000 acres of faith community-owned land.

SB 367: Incorporated into SB 388
Vote History [Here](#)

SB 388: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 1279: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

Requires localities with 20,000+ people to allow one-and two-family dwellings and townhouses by right - HB 1212

This will require localities with 20,000+ people to allow one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses by right. This allows localities more opportunities to build homes, helping to address the shortage of 300,000 homes in Virginia.

HB 1212: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

ADUs Statewide - SB 531 & HB 611

This will require localities to include accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in their zoning. This allows homeowners to build units on their property and eliminates red tape.

SB 531: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 611: Continued to 2027 by House
Counties, Cities and Towns
Vote History [Here](#)



ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Bans parking minimums - SB 354 & HB 262, HB 888

This eliminates burdensome parking minimums in new residential development, making it easier to build more homes without restrictive parking requirements.

SB 354: Failed to Report from Senate Local Government
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 262: Incorporated into HB 888 by House Counties, Cities and Towns
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 888: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)



Other Bills We Supported:

HB 594: Allows locality to authorize a zoning administrator to use administrative process to approve rezoning for affordable housing
Signed by the governor

SB 674, SB 747, HB 1211: First-time homebuyer's tax credit
Continued to 2027 by Senate Finance and Appropriations; Left in House Finance

SB 454, HB 816: Housing Near Jobs
Left in House Counties, Cities and Towns; Defeated by Senate

SB 355: Anti-Rent Price Gouging (locality permissive)
Continued to 2027 by Senate Local Government

SB 488, HB 804: Requires localities to increase housing stock by 7.5% over 5 years (housing targets)
Stricken at the Request of the Patron in Senate Local Government

HB 202, HB 910: Restricts partnerships, corporations, or trusts from buying single-family homes
Left in House Courts of Justice; Signed by the governor

SB 490, HB 820: Allows DHCD to use 20% of funds in Housing Trust Fund on loans to developers of mixed-income housing projects
Signed by the governor

HB 1042: Zoning for Housing Production Pilot Program funding to localities; 2027 to 2029 sunset
Left in House Appropriations

MAKING ENERGY MORE AFFORDABLE

Standards on local solar siting and approval decisions - SB 347 & HB 711

The legislation to “Ban the Bans” sets standards for local siting and zoning approvals of solar projects so that localities cannot blanket-ban the most affordable form of electric generation. This is a first step to building and deploying more solar which will help lower the cost of energy in Virginia.

SB 347: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 711: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

Surplus interconnection - SB 508 & HB 1065

This makes it easier to develop and deploy new, affordable solar generation by directing utilities to identify where there is existing — and unused — capacity, and to deploy new, affordable energy generation that can get on the grid faster to lower costs.

SB 508: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 1065: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

Increases energy battery storage targets for utilities- SB 448 & HB 895

This increases the amount of battery storage that Virginia utilities have to build and deploy, ensuring that renewable resources like wind and solar can be fully amplified by storing power so it can be deployed when it's needed 24/7.

SB 448: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)

HB 895: Signed by the governor
Vote History [Here](#)



MAKING ENERGY MORE AFFORDABLE

Other Bills We Supported:

HB 897: Requires data centers to transition to carbon-free operation, generators & invest in energy efficiency to receive sales tax exemption
Passed by Indefinitely in Senate Finance and Appropriations

SB 465: Requires data centers to meet energy efficiency standards to be eligible for the sales tax exemption
Left in Senate Finance and Appropriations

SB 250, HB 395: Permits any electric customer to own and operate a small solar device up to 1200 W
Signed by the governor

HB 503: Prohibits cost recovery for costs incurred for data centers
Continued to 2027 in House Labor and Commerce

SB 26, HB 457, HB 1234: Provides that localities may require solar be built on canopies over parking lots
Signed by the governor

SB 175, HB 628: Increases RPS requirements for Dominion to deploy rooftop/behind the meter solar or wind; expands PPA access; encourages solar development on previously developed sites
Signed by the governor

SB 339, HB 658: Directs SCC to conduct cost proceedings to review transmission cost allocation for data centers vs regular customers
Continued to 2027 in House Labor and Commerce; Left in House Labor and Commerce

HB 784: Requires Dept. of Taxation to publish an annual report with name of all data centers receiving sales tax exemption, amount of exemption, and any investment/jobs
Incorporated into HB 897 by House Finance

SB 505, HB 1256: Requires utilities to report to the SCC on their practice of fuel costs, including the costs of purchased power, and directs SCC to consider potential for cost-sharing mechanisms
Signed by the governor

HB 1360: Requires utilities to report on when and why it runs coal- or oil-fueled electric generation and to provide details on how much money that costs ratepayers (uneconomic dispatch)
Signed by the governor

SB 700: Establishes Large Scale Electricity Consumer Infrastructure Impact Fund funded by annual infrastructure impact fee paid by data centers based on energy usage
Continued to 2027 by Senate Finance and Appropriations

ENSHRINING VIRGINIANS' CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS

Marriage Equality Constitutional Amendment - SJ_3 & HJ_3

These constitutional amendments define marriage as being between two adult persons, repeal same-sex marriage prohibition, and affirm the right to marry. Now that the General Assembly has passed these amendments two times consecutively, they will be on the November 2026 ballot for Virginians to approve or deny.

SJ 3: Agreed Upon for the Second Time by the General Assembly
Vote History [Here](#)

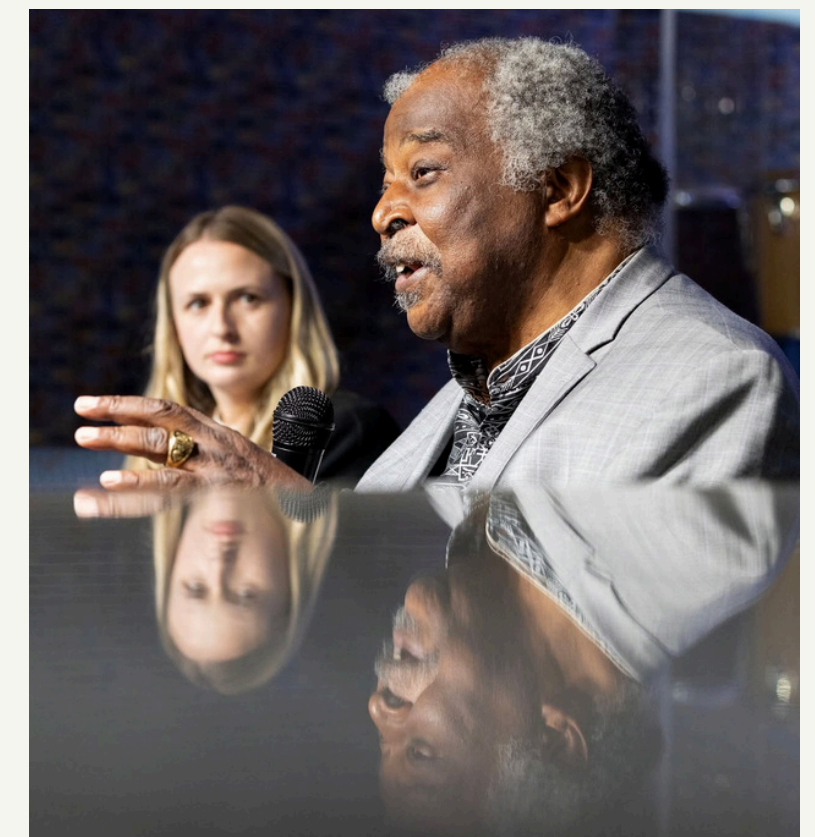
HJ 3: Agreed Upon for the Second Time by the General Assembly
Vote History [Here](#)

Reproductive Freedom Constitutional Amendment - SJ_1 & HJ_1

These constitutional amendments ensure an individual's right to reproductive freedom and the right to make one's own decisions about all matters related to reproductive care, including pregnancy, contraception, and IVF. Now that the General Assembly has passed these amendments two times consecutively, they will be on the November 2026 ballot for Virginians to approve or deny.

SJ 1: Agreed Upon for the Second Time by the General Assembly
Vote History [Here](#)

HJ 1: Agreed Upon for the Second Time by the General Assembly
Vote History [Here](#)



ENSHRINING VIRGINIANS' CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS

Redistricting of Congressional Districts - [SB 769](#) & [HJ 4](#), [HB 1384](#)

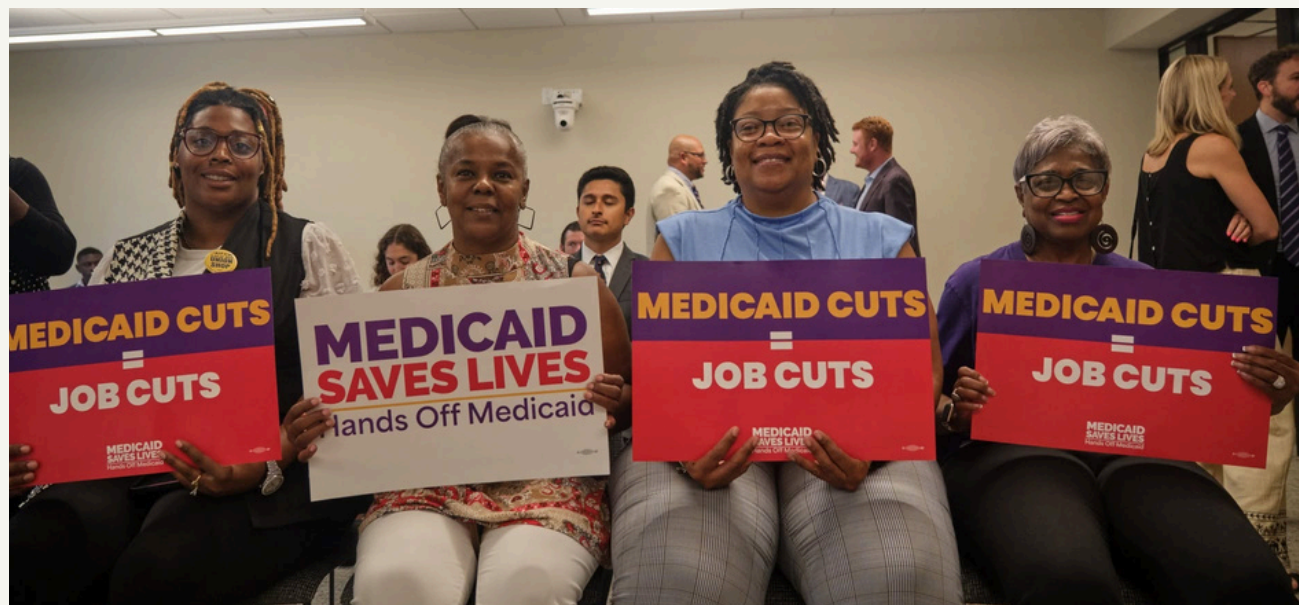
These constitutional amendments would have temporarily adjusted Virginia's redistricting process to ensure that Virginians are fairly represented at the federal level to advocate for pro-middle-class policies. The amendments were agreed upon by the General Assembly for a second time, but following a winning referendum vote, the Supreme Court of Virginia overturned the results.

Fundamental Right to Vote Constitutional Amendment - [SJ 2](#) & [HJ 2](#)

These constitutional amendments provide that every person who meets the qualifications of voters set forth in the Constitution of Virginia shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, except for persons who have been convicted of a felony and persons who have been adjudicated to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting. Now that the General Assembly has passed these amendments two times consecutively, they will be on the November 2026 ballot for Virginians to approve or deny.

SJ 2: Agreed Upon for the Second Time by the General Assembly
[Vote History Here](#)

HJ 2: Agreed Upon for the Second Time by the General Assembly
[Vote History Here](#)





This year, Freedom Virginia announced the inaugural **Virginia Scroll Awards**.

The Awards are a first-of-their-kind celebration of leaders who show up consistently online, explain complex issues clearly, engage authentically with constituents, and use their digital platforms to make government more accessible.

The 2026 categories and nominees were:

The Freshman Flex: *Recognizes a newly elected legislator who quickly established a standout social media presence.*

Nominees: Lt. Governor Ghazala Hashmi, Delegate Jessica Anderson, Delegate Nicole Cole, Delegate John McAuliff

The Director's Cut: *Recognizes exceptional use of video to educate, inform, and engage constituents.*

Nominees: Delegate Jessica Anderson, Delegate Joshua Cole, Delegate Michael Feggans, Delegate Jackie Glass, Delegate Irene Shin, Delegate Michael Webert

Open Door Policy: *Recognizes a legislator who uses social media as an extension of constituent service—responsive, accessible, and engaged.*

Nominees: Senator Russet Perry, Delegate Joshua Cole, Delegate John McAuliff, Delegate Adele McClure, Delegate Leslie Mehta

The Iron Poster: *Recognizes consistency, quality, and persistence throughout the legislative session.*

Nominees: Senator Mark Peake, Delegate Jessica Anderson, Delegate Cia Price, Delegate Sam Rasoul

The Translator: *Recognizes a legislator who excels at breaking down complex legislation, budgets, and policy issues into language Virginians can understand.* **Nominees:** Senator Jennifer Carroll Foy, Senator Saddam Salim, Senator Schuyler VanValkenburg, Delegate Nicole Cole, Delegate David Reid, Delegate Josh Thomas

The People's Follow: *Recognizes the leader whose content fellow legislators, advocates, organizers, and engaged Virginians most enjoy seeing in their feed.*

Nominees: First Gentleman Adam Spanberger, Senator Louise Lucas, Senator Stella Pekarsky, Delegate Nicole Cole, Delegate Irene Shin



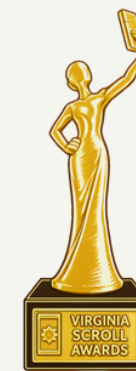
2026 Virginia Scroll Awards Winners

THE FRESHMAN FLEX:



Delegate
Jessica Anderson

THE DIRECTOR'S CUT:



Delegate
Irene Shin

OPEN DOOR POLICY:



Delegate
Joshua Cole

THE IRON POSTER:



Delegate
Jessica Anderson

THE TRANSLATOR:



Delegate
Josh Thomas

THE PEOPLE'S FOLLOW:



Senator
Louise Lucas



Who is Freedom Virginia?

Freedom Virginia is a nonpartisan 501(c)4 organization committed to ensuring a commonwealth where hardworking people have the freedom to thrive in an affordable and fair economy. Freedom Virginia advances economic security policies through grassroots activism, voter engagement, and legislative advocacy.

Our efforts began in 2020, and since then, we've pushed for a more fair and affordable Virginia by sharing real stories about Virginians' access to affordable health care, education, housing, and the need for policies that foster an economy where hardworking people can get ahead.

For more information, visit us at freedomva.org or follow us @teamfreedomva on social media!

