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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is always a privilege to stand before you as your Delegate, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve District 23. As I reflect on the 2025 General Assembly session, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for your trust and engagement.

This session, my team and I worked tirelessly to deliver results that matter to you—strengthening our local economy, expanding access to quality education, and ensuring that every Virginian has the opportunity to thrive. While challenges remain, I am proud of the progress we've made together, not just for our district but for the entire Commonwealth.

We are living in unprecedented times, and now, more than ever, we must come together as a community. Virginia has always been a place of resilience, hope, and opportunity. I remain committed to standing by you—fighting for your rights, supporting your families, and upholding the American ideals that make our Commonwealth home to so many.

Thank you for being here, for your voices, and for your dedication to making Virginia a better place for all. My door is always open, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

With gratitude and determination,





# LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY PROGRESS IN THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Key legislation passed and its impact on PrinceWilliam and Stafford Counties:

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#### HB2539 - Medicaid Dental Coverage for Pregnant Women

- Expands Medicaid to cover comprehensive dental care for pregnant women.
- · Local impact: Supports mothers and infants' health, reducing birth complications.

#### **HB2446 - Postpartum Depression Education Act**

- · Directs the Virginia Department of Health to launch a maternal mental health campaign.
- · Local impact: Improves access to perinatal healthcare in Stafford and Prince William.

#### **HB2413 - Electric Utility Reform and Grid Modernization**

- Requires energy companies to plan long-term grid investments with transparency.
- Local impact: Ensures lower energy costs and grid reliability for residents.

## HB2393 - Human Trafficking Victim Expungements

- · Allows survivors of trafficking to clear past criminal records.
- Local impact: Helps victims rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society.

# **HB2387 - Wrongful Death Statute of Limitations**

- · Extends legal time limits for families to file wrongful death lawsuits.
- Local impact: Provides families justice in cases where criminal investigations delay civil suits.

# **HB2384 - EMS Vehicle Regulations**

- Updates regulations to allow fire department branding on EMS vehicles.
- Local impact: Supports fire and EMS departments in our region, increasing safety visibility.

#### **HB2383 - Transient Occupancy Tax Reform**

- Clarifies tax collection for short-term rentals like Airbnb, ensuring funds stay local.
- Local impact: More tax revenue for schools, roads, and emergency services in Prince William and Stafford.

# HB2371 - Contraceptive Health Insurance Coverage

- Ensures no-cost coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices.
- · Local impact: Expands healthcare access for women, reducing financial barriers
- · for residents in Prince William and Stafford Counties.

# HB2362 - Delinquent Property Tax Sales Reform

- Protects property owners by improving the legal process before real estate is sold due to unpaid taxes.
- Local impact: Ensures that homeowners and lienholders are properly notified, reducing foreclosures in our communities.

# HB2356 - Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship Requirements

- Ensures public service contractors pay fair wages and hire apprentices, boosting job training.
- Local impact: Helps workers in energy and infrastructure jobs earn a living wage and access apprenticeship programs.

#### **HB2352 - Dumfries Charter Updates**

- Modernizes the town's charter by clarifying government procedures and local powers.
- Direct impact: Provides clear rules for town governance, including mayoral duties and emergency ordinances, improving efficiency in local government.

# BUDGET WINS AND LOCAL IMPACT

Putting Money Back in Your Pocket: Over 1 billion in tax cuts for Virginians, including tax rebates of \$200 per individual and \$400 per couple by October 2025, plus a permanent increase in the standard deduction to help lower tax burdens.

Supporting Working Families: The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is expanding, providing more relief to lower-income households.

Affordable Housing & Homeownership: \$20 million for rental assistance and \$15 million for first-time homebuyer grants to make homeownership more attainable.

Pay Raises for Workers: A 1.5% bonus for state employees, plus salary increases for E-911 dispatchers and juvenile justice security staff.

Helping Families Afford Childcare: \$25 million invested in public-private early childhood education partnerships, expanding access to childcare slots.

More Funding for Public Schools: A historic \$782 million increase in state funding for K-12 education, ensuring schools have the resources they need.

Higher Salaries for Educators: \$134 million allocated for a \$1,000 bonus for teachers and school support staff.

Fixing Our School Buildings: \$150 million to improve school facilities, ensuring safe and modern classrooms for Virginia's students.

Expanding Special Education Support: \$52.8 million to better support students with disabilities through enhanced state funding.

Better Healthcare for Virginians: \$869 million investment in health and human services, ensuring more funding for Medicaid, maternal health, and mental health services.

Strengthening Mental Health Services: Over \$40 million invested in behavioral health, including crisis services, mental health workforce support, and expanded psychiatric resources.

Safer Neighborhoods: Extended worker's compensation benefits for law enforcement and firefighters, recognizing their mental health needs.

Clean Drinking Water for All: \$25 million in grants to upgrade drinking water infrastructure in local communities.

Economic Growth & Job Creation: \$35 million to attract new businesses and create good-paying jobs across the Commonwealth.

# RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FEDERAL WORKFORCE & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Prince William & Stafford County, VA

This guide provides key resources for federal employees, contractors, and individuals with disabilities impacted by federal workforce reductions, agency closures, or policy shifts. Find support for employment, financial aid, healthcare, disability services, housing, and legal assistance through local, state, and federal organizations.



# **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

If you have been impacted by federal workforce reductions, you may qualify for unemployment benefits:

- Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE)
- Virginia Employment Commission Website: www.vec.virginia.gov | Phone: 1-866-832-2363
- VEC's Webpage for Former Federal Employees Website: www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed/ucfe
- Navigating Unemployment Benefits (Video) YouTube: www.youtube.com

# JOB ASSISTANCE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#### **Local Resources**

- Prince William County Workforce Center Website: www.pwcva.gov/department/social-services/workforce-center | Phone: 703-586-6800
- Stafford County Economic Development & Jobs Portal Website: www.gostaffordva. com | Phone: 540-658-8681

#### State Resources

- Virginia Career Works Website: www.vcwnorthern.com
- · Virginia Has Jobs Initiative Website: www.virginiahasjobs.com

#### **Legal Rights & Advocacy**

- Navigating Uncertain Times: Protecting Civil Servants' Rights Website: www.opm.gov
- · Federal Employees Legal Assistance
- National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) Website: www.nteu.org
- American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Website: www.afge.org

#### **Healthcare & Mental Health Services**

- Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Website: www.coverva.org
- Medicaid & CHIP (For Eligible Families) Website: www.medicaid.gov

#### Mental Health Support

- Prince William County Crisis Services Phone: 703-792-7800
- Stafford County Mental Health Services Phone: 540-659-2725

# **DISABILITY SUPPORT & ADVOCACY**

The closure of the Department of Education may impact students with disabilities and their families. The following organizations offer legal support, education advocacy, and employment services for individuals with disabilities.

- The Arc Disability Advocacy & Support
- The Arc of Greater Prince William Website: www.arcgpw.org Phone: 703-670-4800
- The Arc of Virginia Website: www.thearcofva.org Phone: 804-649-8481

#### **Educational Advocacy & Special Needs Resources**

 Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) – Website: www.peatc.org | Phone: 703-923-0010

Virginia Board for People with Disabilities
 Website: www.vaboard.org | Phone: 804-786-0016

# **Employment Support for Individuals with Disabilities**

Didlake, Inc. (Job Training & Placement)
 Website: www.didlake.org | Phone: 703-361-4195

### Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

- Independence Empowerment Center (Manassas) Phone: 703-257-5400
- Disability Resource Center (Fredericksburg/Stafford) Phone: 540-373-2559

#### Special Education & Legal Support

- Disability Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)
   Website: www.dlcv.org | Phone: 1-800-552-3962
- Prince William County Parent Resource Center Phone: 703-791-8846
- Stafford County Special Education Ombudsman Phone: 540-899-6000 (option 2)

#### **Food & Nutrition Assistance**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 Apply Online: www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/snap.cgi

#### **Prince William County Food Assistance**

ACTS Food Pantry – Phone: 703-441-8606

SERVE Food Pantry (NVFS) – Phone: 571-748-2680

#### Stafford County Food Banks

• Stafford Emergency Relief (SER) - Phone: 540-288-8223

#### **Housing & Rental Assistance**

 Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development Website: www.dhcd.virginia.gov

Virginia Rent Relief Program
 Website: www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp

#### **Local Housing Services**

- Good Shepherd Housing Foundation (PWC) Phone: 703-730-1078
- Micah Ecumenical Ministries (Stafford County) Phone: 540-479-4116
- Eviction Prevention Hotline (Virginia) Phone: 1-833-663-8428



# **CONTACT YOUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES**

If you need assistance, reach out to your elected officials:

#### U.S. Senate

Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) Washington, D.C. Office

Phone: (202) 224-4024
Fax: (202) 228-6363

Website: www.kaine.senate.gov

#### **Richmond Office**

Phone: (804) 771-2221

#### Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

Washington, D.C. Office

Phone: (202) 224-2023

• Fax: (202) 224-6295

Website: www.warner.senate.gov

#### Vienna Office

Phone: (703) 442-0670

# U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Eugene Vindman (VA-07) Washington, D.C. Office

 1005 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Phone: (202) 225-2815Fax: (771) 200-5425

## **Woodbridge District Office**

- 2241D Tacketts Mill Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22192
- Phone: (703) 987-2180
- Fax: (771) 200-5208
- Website: www.vindman.house.gov
- Contact Form: www.vindman.house.gov/contact

# Additional Support & Community Resources

Virginia 2-1-1 Resource Helpline

- Call 2-1-1 or Text "CONNECT" to 247211
- Website: www.211virginia.org

#### Get connected to:

- · Employment support
- · Disability services
- · Housing & rental assistance
- · Mental health services



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