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Northern Virginia Chamber's NOVABIZPAC Announces Endorsements in Key Virginia Races

Tysons, Va. – The Northern Virginia Business Political Action Committee (NOVABIZPAC), the political action committee of the [Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) (Chamber), today announced its endorsements for Virginia's statewide and key House of Delegate races. Using the Chamber's legislative agenda as its guide, candidates must meet a 66% threshold of members voting to earn NOVABIZPAC's endorsement.

Governor of Virginia: After thorough interviews of both candidates and consideration of their policy positions, the NOVABIZPAC Board of Trustees has decided to not make an endorsement in the 2021 Virginia gubernatorial election. While the NOVABIZPAC Board of Trustees believes we could work with both candidates to advance the pro-business policy positions of our organization, neither candidate earned the two-thirds majority required for an endorsement from NOVABIZPAC.

"Virginia has before it a decision between two experienced leaders running for Governor as major-party candidates. We are confident we can work with whomever is elected to serve as Governor to advance a pro-business agenda that moves the region and the Commonwealth forward" said Julie Coons, President and CEO of the Chamber.

Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: NOVABIZPAC has decided not to make an endorsement in the 2021 Lieutenant Governor election.

Attorney General of Virginia: NOVABIZPAC has decided not to make an endorsement in the 2021 Attorney General election.

The NOVABIZPAC has decided to endorse candidates in the following races for the Virginia House of Delegates, including three first-time candidates in Nick Clemente (10th District), Harold Pyon (40th District), and Sarah White (53rd District).

Scott McGeary, Chairman, NOVABIZPAC, stated "The Trustees of NOVABIZPAC believe the endorsed candidates are best positioned to work with the Northern Virginia Chamber to advance a pro-business agenda that helps the Commonwealth of Virginia remain among the best states in the nation for business. We look forward to working with this bi-partisan group of leaders to ensure the issues that matter to the Northern Virginia business community are heard during the 2022 Virginia General Assembly Session."

Complete List of NOVABIZPAC House of Delegate Endorsements

- 1st District – Delegate Terry Kilgore
- 2nd District – Delegate Candi Mundon King
- 10th District – Nick Clemente
- 15th District – Minority Leader Todd Gilbert
- 19th District – Delegate Terry Austin
- 22nd District – Delegate Kathy Byron
- 32nd District – Delegate David Reid
- 34th District – Delegate Kathleen Murphy
- 35th District – Delegate Mark Keam
- 36th District – Delegate Ken Plum
- 37th District – Delegate David Bulova
- 38th District – Delegate Kaye Kory
- 39th District – Delegate Vivian Watts
- 40th District – Harold Pyon
- 41st District - Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn
- 43rd District – Delegate Mark Sickles
- 44th District – Delegate Paul Krizek
- 46th District – Majority Leader Charniele Herring
- 48th District – Delegate Rip Sullivan
- 52nd District – Delegate Luke Torian
- 53rd District – Sarah White
- 65th District – Delegate Lee Ware
- 67th District – Delegate Karrie Delaney
- 78th District – Delegate Jay Leftwich
- 81st District – Delegate Barry Knight
- 84th District – Delegate Glenn Davis
- 87th District – Delegate Suhas Subramanyam

Luanne Gutermuth, Chairman, Northern Virginia Chamber Board of Directors Chairman stated, “As Chairman of the Northern Virginia Chamber’s Board of Directors, I want to thank all the candidates who took the time to meet with our PAC Trustees and provide thoughtful responses to a variety of questions related to our policy agenda. I also want to thank our Trustees for making themselves available over the past five weeks to interview each of these candidates. Finally, I want to thank our PAC Chairman, Scott McGeary, whose thoughtful and steady leadership make this process possible.”

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About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into the region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, representing close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.

NOVA's goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

For more information, visit www.novachamber.org.

About NOVABIZPAC

NOVABIZPAC was founded in 2002 to support Virginia legislators and policymakers who promote a favorable business climate and a high quality of life in Virginia. One of the most influential PACs in the Commonwealth of Virginia, NOVABIZPAC uses the Fairfax Chamber's legislative agenda as its guide as to which candidates to support in Northern Virginia and across the state. NOVABIZPAC is administered by a Board of Trustees composed exclusively of members of the Fairfax Chamber. To learn more, please visit: novabizpac.org.