

URGE LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE THE SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The proposed TOT increase would add another burden to the hospitality industry, which is still recovering from declines in business and federal travel. Similarly, repealing the data center sales tax exemption unfairly penalizes a sector that does not depend on Metro infrastructure and on which Virginia's businesses and residents depend daily.

Finally, while we support the overall direction of the House plan, NVC believes the long-standing 3% cap on WMATA operating funding growth should remain in place to maintain predictability and sustainability among Virginia, Maryland, and DC.

Selected Conferees:

Senators:

- Sen. Louise Lucas, D-Portsmouth, senatorlucas@senate.virginia.gov
- Sen. Todd Pillion, R-Washington County, senatorpillion@senate.virginia.gov
- Sen. Creigh Deeds, D-Charlottesville, senatordeeds@senate.virginia.gov
- Sen. Mamie Locke, D-Hampton, senatorlocke@senate.virginia.gov
- Sen. Richard Stuart, R-Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck, senatorstuart@senate.virginia.gov

Delegates:

- Del. Luke Torian, D-Prince William County, DelLTorian@house.virginia.gov
- Del. Terry Austin, R-Botetourt County, DelTAustin@house.virginia.gov
- Del. Betsy Carr, D-Richmond, DelBCarr@house.virginia.gov
- Del. Rob Bloxom, R-Accomack County, DelRBloxom@house.virginia.gov
- Del. Paul Krizek, D-Fairfax County, DelPKrizek@house.virginia.gov
- De. Delores McQuinn, D-Charles City, DelDMcQuinn@house.virginia.gov

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A conference committee was formed with conferees from both chambers to resolve differences between the two versions of the budget and release a final report.

Once the conferees release their report, the House and Senate vote one last time, up or down.

The bill is then sent to Governor Spanberger, who has 30 days to review the bill before returning it to the General Assembly, potentially with amendments or vetoed, during the reconvened session, which is scheduled to begin on April 22, 2026.

After the reconvened session, the Governor signs the budget into law.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Contact the Conferees!

As a business leader in the Commonwealth and an engaged member of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to urge you to oppose the Senate version of the budget.

This version includes new taxes on the hospitality and data center industries that would stifle growth by discouraging investment and harming Virginia's economic competitiveness.

[Your organization] urges you to support the House budget bill proposal and reject new taxes proposed in the Senate version.

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