

# VIRGINIA CHAMBER'S 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

During the 2019 General Assembly Session, the Virginia Chamber will support bills that implement the recommendations of Blueprint Virginia 2025, and create a high quality of life and place throughout the Commonwealth.

Please see the Chamber's Bills We Are Watching Page for our positions on specific bills:  
<https://www.vachamber.com/advocacy/bills-were-watching/>

## BLUEPRINT VIRGINIA 2025 PRIORITIES

### INVESTING IN A WELL-TRAINED TALENT SUPPLY PIPELINE

- Build a strong foundation for education and workforce development with a focus on early childhood education
- Support reform in Virginia's public schools that creates stronger connections to jobs and business while building the best environment for teachers
- Improve college affordability and access through strategic general fund investments, including those that are performance based

### IMPROVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY FOR BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

- Enact policies to support workforce housing, including addressing land use issues and constraints on the construction and housing industries
- Invest in improvements to reduce congestion and improve reliability on I-81
- Increase financial support for public-private partnerships with existing internet service providers to facilitate broadband deployment in unserved areas

### ENABLING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Increase access to and reduce the cost of health care for small Virginia businesses through innovative approaches
- Build the Commonwealth's capacity to find and grow ideas for commercialization into the private sector market

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## FOSTERING A COMPETITIVE PRO-BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Focus on protecting and strengthening a pro-business climate that helps Virginia become the number one state for business
- Enact targeted legal reforms to improve Virginia's civil justice system
- Ensure a competitive tax environment for Virginia businesses in conforming with federal tax law
- Support legislation that continues to enable Virginia to achieve its environmental goals while protecting Virginia businesses from increased costs
- Support an all-of-the-above approach to energy that promotes stable competitive rates, economic development, and environmental protection

## FACILITATING REGIONAL PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support legislation that strengthens Virginia's approach to economic development and secures transformational economic development projects for the Commonwealth
- Support the development of a strategic portfolio of project ready sites throughout the Commonwealth

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