

VirginiaGrassroots

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Dear Virginia General Assembly Senators and Delegates,

Congratulations on taking the majority! The Virginia Grassroots Coalition is excited about a more progressive legislative agenda for 2020 that will make Virginia healthier, safer and more equitable for all of its residents.

The Virginia Grassroots Coalition, formed in April 2017, is comprised of more than 40 Indivisible, Swing Left, Huddle, Our Revolution, and other groups, representing 10,000+ Virginia voters. Coalition members have been involved in Virginia elections for the past three years.

As a Coalition we are developing a progressive agenda for 2020. Our goals include:

(1) Creating safe and environmentally healthy communities including a just and equitable 100% clean energy plan; (2) Promoting the equity and human rights of all Virginia residents; (3) Investing in our economic future by supporting students, workers, and families; (4) Promoting fairness and transparency in our election results. To that end, we have listed some of our top legislative priorities (not in rank order) for 2020.

We will follow up before the session and identify specific bills that we expect the Democratic majority to pass. We ask you to support them.

2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Create safe and environmentally healthy communities for all Virginians

- Combat climate change by requiring 100% clean energy including the transportation sector by 2040
- Reduce gun violence by enacting extreme risk protection order and assault weapons ban legislation and requiring universal background checks

Promote equity and human rights of all Virginia residents

- Ratify the ERA, repeal targeted regulation of abortion providers (TRAP) and consent regulations
- End cash bail and pre-trial detention
- Legalize drivers licenses and in-state tuition for non-documented immigrants

Invest in our economic future by supporting our students, workers and families

- Establish a statewide paid family and medical leave program
- Establish a baseline “living wage” of \$15 per hour by 2024
- Allow for equity in education by increasing “at-risk add-on” funding by 25%
- Strengthen opportunities for labor organizing, including by repealing “Right to Work”

Promote fairness and transparency in our elections and politics

- Ban contributions to elected officials by public service corporations and regulated monopolies, such as Dominion Energy
- Authorize automatic voter registration

Thank you for fighting for our progressive values by supporting these policies.

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The groups that endorse this letter are:

Virginia Grassroots Coalition

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Postcards4VA

Virginia Democracy Forward (VADF)

We of Action (WofA)

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Women On Your Left VA

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Scientists for Progress in Northern Virginia

Our Revolution Arlington

VA Chapter of American Promise

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