

Mayors and Chairs of Northern Virginia

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The Honorable Don Scott
Speaker, Virginia House of Delegates
Via email: delegatedscott@house.virginia.gov

The Honorable Scott Surovell
Majority Leader, Virginia State Senate
Via email: senatorsurovell@senate.virginia.gov

Dear Speaker Scott and Leader Surovell,

As you know, Northern Virginia is home to more than 175,000 civilian federal workers representing 51.4% of federal civilian jobs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. They are essential members of their communities. This abrupt loss of employment has the potential to affect tens of thousands of Virginians who may be unable to support both themselves and their households. They have not only lost their sources of income, but the positive social networks built at their places of employment. These disruptive changes can significantly increase anxiety and depression among individuals.

The profound impact of these measures on not only the financial stability of the citizens of Northern Virginia, but on their mental wellbeing, cannot be overstated. While the services provided to assist former government workers in their search for new employment opportunities are essential, we believe it is critical that these federal employees be supplied with resources to support their mental health during this period of extreme stress and uncertainty.

The Mayors and Chairs of Northern Virginia therefore request that the Virginia General Assembly provide financial resources to support mental and behavioral health services for these federal employees who so dedicatedly served their nation. They deserve our support in this difficult time.

Because our jurisdictions are home to many of those directly affected, we believe our local insights can help inform the Committee's work. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate, share data, and contribute to solutions that will ensure Virginia remains resilient and competitive. In addition, we are open to having a chief elected official from Northern Virginia serve as a member of the Committee. Please let us know how we can support the Committee's efforts. We appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and look forward to working together to protect Virginia's economic future.

Sincerely,

Honorable Alyia Gaskins, Mayor of Alexandria
Honorable Letty Hardi, Mayor of Falls Church
Honorable Catherine Read, Mayor of Fairfax City
Honorable Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor of Manassas
Honorable Alanna Mensing, Mayor of Manassas Park
Honorable Takis Karantonis, Chair, Arlington County

Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay, Chair, Fairfax County
Honorable Phyllis Randall, Chair, Loudoun County
Honorable Deshundra Jefferson, Chair, Prince William County
Honorable Derrick Wood, Mayor, Town of Dumfries
Honorable Keven LeBlanc, Mayor, Town of Herndon
Honorable Kelly Burk, Mayor, Town of Leesburg

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cc: Members of the House Emergency Committee on the Impacts of Federal Workforce and Funding Reductions
 Members of the Senate Special Subcommittee on Federal Impacts to Resources
 Honorable Louise Lucas, Chair, VA Senate Finance Committee
 Honorable Luke Torian, Chair, VA House Appropriations Committee
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