



April 15, 2016

Senator Steve Newman President pro Tempore Senate of Virginia P.O. Box 396 Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Senator Newman:

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the GO Virginia Initiative. Our Chamber signed on as part of the GO Virginia Coalition and strongly support the five policy priorities. We are eager to utilize this program to strengthen the Commonwealth and have already begun to engage in conversations with other organizations throughout our region.

The creation of state assistance to encourage regional collaboration on private sector growth, between business, education, and government could be the key to the Commonwealth's economic success. We are hopeful that the legislature and the Governor will be able to come to an agreement regarding implementation so that this important initiative can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Bates President & CEO