

**Mayors and Chairs of the Counties of Loudoun, Prince William, Fairfax, and Arlington
and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, Fairfax, and Manassas**

February 7, 2025

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

Dear Speaker Scott:

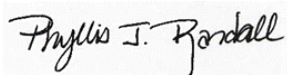
As chief elected officials representing Northern Virginia, we appreciate your leadership in forming the “Emergency Committee on the Impacts of Federal Workforce and Funding Reductions.” Given the significant role federal employees and contractors play in our local economy, we offer our assistance and stand ready to be a resource as the Committee examines potential impacts and policy responses.

Northern Virginia’s economy is uniquely tied to the federal government, with federal employment and procurement spending accounting for a substantial share of jobs and business activity. Workforce reductions, office consolidations, and shifts in federal contracting practices have already placed pressures on local economies. These impacts could negatively affect not only federal workers but also our small businesses, housing demands, traffic and transit costs and other municipal revenues. Without proactive planning, these challenges could deepen, with consequences for the entire Commonwealth.

Because our jurisdictions are home to many of those directly affected, we believe our local insights can help inform the Committee’s work. In fact, our budget seasons are already underway, and we are starting to feel the impacts. 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,



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Cc: Members of the Emergency Committee on the Impacts of Federal Workforce and Funding
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