



Commonwealth of Virginia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Honorable G. Paul Nardo,
Clerk of the Virginia House of Delegates
and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth

The Honorable Susan Clarke Schaar,
Clerk of the Senate of Virginia

February 13, 2017

Dear Clerks Schaar and Nardo,

The Mission Statement of the bi-partisan, bi-cameral Virginia Transparency Caucus is as follows:

Our goal is to increase public awareness of the inner workings of Virginia Government and the legislative and political process, in order to make Government more easily accessible to citizens throughout the Commonwealth.

Our members keep records of their votes in subcommittee and committee, which is standard practice in the Senate. Furthermore, the "gold standard" for our members is to film every hearing held on our bills when they go before committee or subcommittee. This approach has proven effective in bringing our constituents a direct and unedited view as to how the bills they care about are debated, amended, and sometimes ultimately determined before they reach the House or Senate Floors. Now the Caucus would like to expand this effort and bring the full business of committees and subcommittees to all Virginia citizens.

The Transparency Caucus formally requests the new General Assembly Building (and, if possible, the interim Pocahontas Building) maintain full audio and visual recording capability, as well as transparent vote recording machines for all Committee and Subcommittee hearing rooms in both the Senate and the House of Delegates. We request the same standard that currently applies to video recordings of sessions on the House and Senate Floors apply to all proceedings before committee and subcommittee.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to hearing from both of you with regard to your intended steps in this regard.

Sincerely,


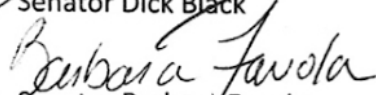
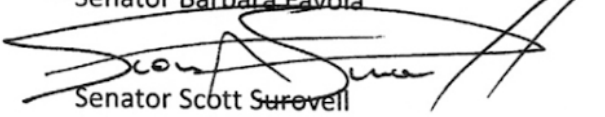
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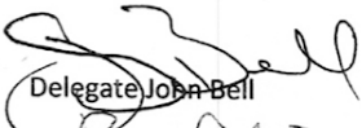
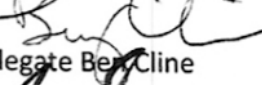
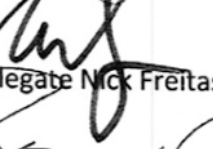
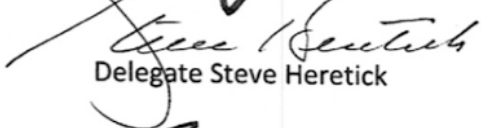
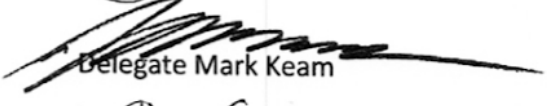
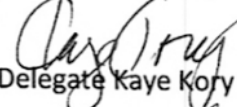

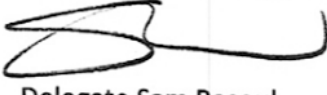
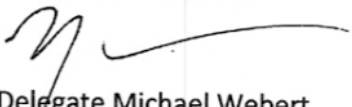
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Senator Amanda Chase

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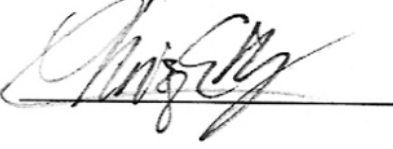
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Delegate Brenda Pogge

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And Other Interested Members of the General Assembly:



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