



2024 Statewide Legislative Priorities

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Housing

Expand tenant rights and the availability of affordable housing, specifically:

- **Support [SB 479 \(Aird\)](#) and [HB 597 \(Price\)](#):** Expand local authority to hold landlords accountable.
- **Support [HB 73 \(Hope\)](#):** Expunge dismissed eviction actions from tenants' records.
- **Support [HB 442 \(Bennett-Parker\)](#):** Allow payment plans for one month's late rent.
- **Support [HB 598 \(Price\)](#):** Allow late rent payments up to 14 days.
- **Support [HB 817 \(McClure\)](#):** Prohibit retaliatory actions by a landlord against a tenant.
- **Support [SB 422 \(Ebbin\)](#) and [HB 993 \(Tran\)](#):** Prohibit fees for maintenance/repair or fees to submit rent payments.
- **Support [HB 1251 \(Cousins\)](#):** Limit escrow requirement for tenants' assertion cases.
- Increase funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- Expand resources for people who are homeless.

Childcare

Provide at least \$275 million to increase access for families and compensation for providers.

Energy and Utilities

- **Support [HB 906 \(Shin\)](#) and [SB 480 \(Aird\)](#):** Protect families from utility shutoffs.
- **Support [SB 565 \(Deeds\)](#) and [HB 746 \(Webert\)](#):** Create stronger energy efficiency targets for electric utilities to lower costs for families.
- **Oppose [SB 454 \(Marsden\)](#) and [HB 1491 \(O'Quinn\)](#):** Don't shift financial risk of unproven small modular nuclear reactor technology onto ratepayers.

Health Care

- **Support [SB 274 \(Deeds\)](#) and [HB 570 \(Delaney\)](#):** Establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to protect Virginians from the high cost of prescription drugs.
- **Fund "Cover All Kids,"** providing coverage to all eligible children regardless of immigration status.
- Expand Virginia's mental health system: improve 988 and **fund** Marcus Alert.

Virginia Organizing also supports [Fund Our Schools' legislative priorities](#) and efforts to make our tax system more progressive.

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