



## 2026 Statewide Legislative Priorities

While the [top ten US billionaires grew \\$700 billion richer last year](#), the federal government slashed basic needs programs that hundreds of thousands of Virginians rely upon. We must protect access to existing services while also moving forward on expanding access to affordable housing, health care, child care, and utilities. Due to state budget constraints, Virginia Organizing supports progressive efforts to expand revenue to pay for these priorities.

### **Restoration of Rights**

**Support [HJ2/SJ2 \(Bennett-Parker/Locke\)](#):** Amend the Virginia Constitution to protect the right to vote and to end felon disenfranchisement

### **Housing and Environmental Justice**

Protect the rights of tenants, increase the amount of deeply affordable and safe housing, and make utilities more affordable, specifically:

- Create a Warrant of Habitability defense in eviction proceedings
- Limit unreasonable rent hikes
- Expand access to weatherization and energy efficiency for income-qualifying households

### **Health Care**

Protect access to health care, specifically:

- Paid family and medical leave
- Protecting Medicaid/FAMIS Investments

### **Child Care**

Provide increased funding to increase access for families and compensate providers

Virginia Organizing also supports [Fund Our Schools' legislative priorities](#).



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