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THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY: 2012 JOBS AGENDA – GOVERNOR BOB McDONNELL

Governor McDonnell's "The Greatest Opportunity" agenda is designed to create an environment for increased job and economic opportunity in all regions of Virginia to grow Virginia's innovation economy, expand small business and tourism, and better train workers for Virginia businesses. In the first two years of his Administration, nearly \$100 million has been added to the budget by Governor McDonnell targeted at economic development efforts. Governor McDonnell put forward nearly \$40 million in additional funding for the 2013-14 budget to build on these effective efforts to create a *Commonwealth of Opportunity* for all Virginians.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Small Business Investor Tax Credit (Merricks/McDougle) - \$3 million: This bill allows an individual income tax credit for qualified investments made to qualified small businesses and is held for two years, beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but before January 1, 2015. The tax credit would be equal to 10% of the amount of the qualified investment. Qualified small businesses would be required to be designated as a qualified small business with the Department of Taxation before any tax credits are issued to eligible investors.

Extend the Acceleration of the Major Business Facility Jobs Tax Credit (Kilgore/Reeves): Extends the time during which the major business facility job tax credit may be taken over a two-year period from taxable years beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012, to taxable years beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.

Extend the Sunset Date for Investments that Qualify for the Capital Gains Exemption (Comstock/Herring): Extends 2010 legislation granting an income tax deduction for any income taxed as a long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes or any income taxed as investment services partnership interest income, on or after January 1, 2011, related to a qualified investment in a technology and science start-up business having a principal office or facility in the Commonwealth and less than \$3 million in annual revenues in the fiscal year prior to the investment. The deduction originally ends in June 30, 2013, this bill would extend the sunset date to June 30, 2015.

GROWING VIRGINIA'S INNOVATION ECONOMY

Implement a Life Sciences Initiative - \$10 million: Provides funding for a research consortium, to be initially comprised of the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, George Mason University and the Eastern Virginia Medical School. The consortium will contract with private entities, foundations and other governmental entities to capture and perform research in the biosciences.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE

Megasite Development - \$2 million (FY13): Provides funding to assist in the performance of site and site development work for prospective Major Employment and Investment Projects.

Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development - \$2 million (FY14): To supplement and enhance the work underway at the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing in the development, training and marketing program for the skills necessary to support workforce development in advanced manufacturing.

TRAINING WORKERS FOR VIRGINIA BUSINESSES

Funding for Non-Credit Courses at Community Colleges - \$4 million: To expand non-credit courses at Virginia community colleges that are essential to providing the specific training needs for businesses looking for workers.

Jobs for Virginia Graduates - \$500,000: Jobs for Virginia Graduates is a program designed to identify high school students who face barriers to education, and to guide these students to a successful path toward continued education, a quality career and productive life.

EXPANDING VIRGINIA'S TOURISM ECONOMY

Increase Advertising and Marketing Funds - \$2 million: Provides additional funding for tourism to expand its digital marketing program and invest in more into research and tourism product development.

Expand Tourism Partnership Marketing Grant Program - \$1.25 million: Expands the Virginia Tourism Corporation's current Partnership Marketing Program to provide direct matching grant support to tourism projects on a local level.

Funding for Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund (GMPOF) - \$1 million: To provide funding to secure additional projects based on the positive results of the investment in the film industry last Session of the General Assembly.

INCREASE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION AND MARKETING

Implement Regional Marketing Initiatives - \$500,000 (FY13): Provides funding for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to expand a pilot program to develop additional regional marketing initiatives.

International Marketing Campaign - \$1 million (FY13): Provides additional funding to support the international Virginia Economic Development Partnership presence in pitching Virginia as a location in which to expand operations. In addition, support a sustained marketing campaign to U.S. subsidiaries of international-headquartered companies.

Adjust Qualifications for Virginia Investment Partnership Program (Cline/Newman): Adjusts the qualification criteria for awards from the Virginia Investment Partnership (VIP) program to respond to an active economic development and more effectively incentive expansion of existing Virginia businesses. This legislative proposal also makes a technical change to update the source of population data.

Amend VEDP board composition to include the Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry and Technology (Scott, E./Hanger): Amends Virginia Economic Development Partnership board composition to include the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and the Secretary of Technology as voting members.

Create economic development grant program targeted specifically at agricultural and forestry operations (Landes/Stanley) - \$2 million: Create an economic development grant program targeted specifically at agricultural and forestry operations. Large grants (greater than \$50,000) will be given for projects that are value-added or processing operations for Virginia Grown products. Smaller grants (less than \$50,000) will be available to localities to assist in the planning and infrastructure development that facilitate agricultural and forestry economic development.

Add two university seats to the Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council: Currently university representation on the Council "sit" in seats that would otherwise be filled by industry experts. The addition of two university seats to the council will allow the universities to continue to be represented and return the number of industry experts to 6 as intended in the legislation.



Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, D.C.

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Dear Friends,

We ask you to support a life-saving cause. Hepatitis B among APA.

Hepatitis B Background.

Hepatitis B is a contagious virus that can lead to liver cancer, liver failure, and eventual death. In the US, 1.4 million people are infected with hepatitis B. Over half of those infected are Asian American/Pacific Islanders; most of them were infected at birth. Hepatitis B is a “silent killer.” Up to two-thirds of infected individuals do not know they are infected. They carry the disease and live without symptoms for many years until they develop liver cancer or liver failure. In turn, the unknowing infected individuals may transmit the disease to other healthy individuals. Hepatitis B is the underlying cause of an estimated 2,000 to 4,000 deaths each year in the United States. Tragically, hepatitis B infection is completely preventable.

Hepatitis B virus is transmitted from person to person by contact with blood or other bodily fluids of an infected person. The virus can be transmitted via blood transfusion, from mother to baby at birth, sharing needles, and sexual activity. The modes of transmission are the same as for HIV, but hepatitis B is 50 to 100 times more infectious than HIV. Transmission can also happen through nonsexual, by close household contact with someone who has chronic HBV infection. Unlike HIV, we have a safe and effective vaccine against hepatitis B, one that is nearly completely effective (95-99%) in preventing infection.

Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington DC (HBI-DC) Organization Overview

The Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington DC, Inc. (HBI-DC) is a 501©3 non-profit organization founded in 2002 with a mission to mobilize communities to prevent hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and its consequences among at-risk groups in the Washington DC metropolitan area. HBI-DC serves the community by 1) providing community education regarding HBV risks and prevention, 2) providing free HBV screening tests, 3) providing free HBV immunization, 4) providing HBV treatment referrals, 5) building partnerships and leading coalitions committed to HBV prevention in targeted communities, and 6) gathering relevant HBV epidemiologic data.

In the past year, at no cost to the participants, we have:

- screened more than 1,200 at-risk individuals
- provided in-person education to more than 2,200 people
- vaccinated over 400 at-risk individuals and
- identified more than 110 individuals who were infected with Hepatitis B

We ask for your support of this silent endemic that’s impacting our APA community.

Protect yourself and the health of your family and friends. Find out your hepatitis B status by asking your doctor for a hepatitis B screening and get vaccinated for hepatitis B.

Sincerely Yours,

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