

**Mayors and Chairs of the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William,
the Cities of Alexandria and Fairfax, and the Towns of Dumfries, Herndon,
Middleburg and Vienna**

May 25, 2020

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Northam:

We continue to value your leadership during these extremely challenging times for our Commonwealth and our nation. We appreciate your increased communication with local governments in the Northern Virginia region, and we stand with you and all Virginians during this historic health and economic crisis.

We had hoped, based on the data, the Northern Virginia region would have been ready to ease the public health restrictions with the rest of the Commonwealth on May 15th. Unfortunately, the data, as assessed by the five public health directors serving our region, did not support a transition to Phase 1 on that date.

We have enclosed the updated May 24th assessment by the five public health directors. They have noted the regional attainment of four of the critical metrics and assessed the need for continued focus on expanding our contact tracing capacity and developing sustainable supplies of PPE.

We appreciate the increased testing capacity the Commonwealth has provided for our region and realize that your assistance with testing and tracing in the future will be important to assist us as we move into subsequent phases.

Each of our jurisdictions have been making preparations to support a transition into Phase 1 at midnight on May 28th. We do have two requests for your consideration:

- 1) As you have stated, we believe there is value for the Commonwealth moving forward together. If the data supports it, we would like the Northern Virginia region to move to Phase 2 in concert with the rest of the Commonwealth when that date is established.
- 2) The "Stay-at-Home" phase has been especially hard on Virginians with Mental Health Diagnoses, particularly veterans. We ask that you establish distinct, accelerated availability of those services immediately for this group.

Thank you, Governor Northam, and we hope you, your family and your staff remain safe.

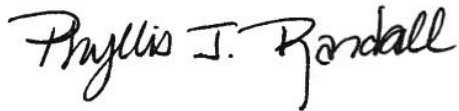
Respectfully,



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