



Hi Friend,

Summertime greetings from all of us at Virginia LCV! Welcome to the second edition of our Monthly Update - a quick look at the work we are doing toward a safe, clean, healthy and just Virginia.



2022's Virginia LCV Scorecard is [HERE!!](#)

You should know that this is unprecedented – in Virginia LCV's 20+ year history, we have *never before* included a governor's actions in our [Conservation Scorecard](#).

This year is different. This year we have Glenn Youngkin doing his best to gut environmental protections.

This year, Youngkin is trying to turn the clock back on climate action, clean water and clean air. This year, Youngkin is threatening the health and safety of Virginians.

Check it out to see exactly what's at risk.

**Live Mock Trial in partnership with
GreenTeens RVA and Delegate
VanValkenburg.**

On July 11, Virginia LCV spotlighted the importance of the Judiciary in environmental



and democratic protections with a mock trial production, bringing together our Climate Action Team, GreenTeenz RVA and Delegate Schuyler VanValkenberg to educate and

entertain. Community members (aka “mooties”) depicted significant judicial action on conservation, and celebrated Ketanji Brown Jackson’s historic appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Coastal Climate Rally

Virginia League of Conservation Voters joined longtime allies Sierra Club Virginia Chapter, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Climate Action Virginia, and BlueGreen Alliance for a June 30th rally to highlight the urgent need for Congress to act on clean energy and climate investments.

Our rally coincided with the Supreme Court’s *WV v EPA* ruling; rally speakers, including Virginia LCV Executive Director Mike Town, Charles Brown II, CCAN Hampton Roads Organizer, and Gary Harris with the Center for Sustainable Communities, blasted the Supreme Court’s strike against a healthy climate future and urged the involvement of community activists to build power behind state-based climate action.



Virginia LCV is a people-powered organization that relies on supporters like you to help affect change in our Commonwealth. With an anti-conservation Governor and House of Delegates, we are battling back the unrelenting attacks on Virginia's environment - **and we need your support to help fuel these fights.**

Join us in these efforts with a contribution today. Thank you!

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Washington Post Op-Ed Holding Youngkin Responsible

When Governor Youngkin puts the health and wellbeing of Virginians and our environment at risk, Virginia LCV is there to watchdog his every step and reveal the ways

in which he is pandering to fossil fuel interests at the expense of our Commonwealth.

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Opinion Virginia's clean-energy future is in peril

By Alfonso H. Lopez and Michael Town

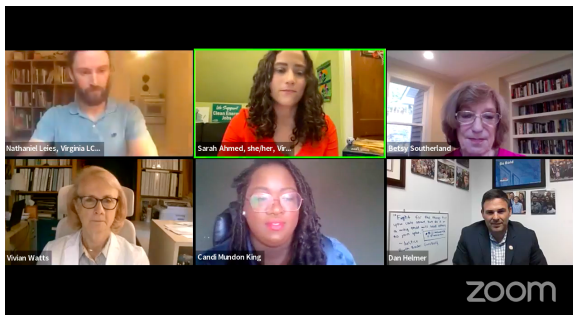
July 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. EDT

Alfonso H. Lopez, a Democrat, represents parts of Arlington and Fairfax counties in the Virginia House of Delegates and is the founder of the Virginia Environment and Renewable Energy Caucus. Michael Town is executive director of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters.

On June 30, the Supreme Court dealt a major blow to our nation's ability to combat the climate crisis when it sided with coal companies and their political allies in a ruling that significantly limits the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate carbon pollution from power plants.

This ruling is a setback in many ways, but it made several points painfully clear. First, with action at the administrative level now called into question, Congress must act to address climate change in a meaningful way. Second, state action on climate change and clean energy just got even more important. Sadly, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) is letting Virginians down at a time when addressing climate change has never been more urgent.

Executive Director Mike Town co-wrote a [Washington Post op-ed](#) with Delegate Alfonso Lopez, showing that Youngkin is more invested in elevating his national profile than he is making smart and healthy choices for Virginia.



Clearing the Air: A Virtual Series on Environmental Accountability in Virginia kicked off with some powerful speakers committed to climate action

On July 7th, Virginia lawmakers, including Delegate Dan Helmer, Delegate Candi Mundon King, Delegate Vivian Watts, and

former Environmental Protection Agency official, Dr. Elizabeth Southerland, joined Virginia LCV to discuss the powerful economic and environmental benefits of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a program that fuels significant job growth and public health benefits while at the same time cutting carbon pollution from power plants in half.

Virginia's participation in RGGI is vital to the health of the Commonwealth and continued attempts by the current administration to remove Virginia from RGGI must be stopped. The webinar served as a resource on how to hold Governor Youngkin and his allies accountable for their attacks on RGGI, and how to advocate for a healthy environment for all residents of the Commonwealth.

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