

Hi Friend,

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



Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger and Delegate Candi King were special guests at a get together last month at the Fredericksburg home of Virginia LCV board member **Rebecca Rubin**. Evening highlights included the camaraderie of conservation-minded community members and discussions on the need for Virginia to remain a leader on powerful climate action.

Virginia LCV Executive Director Mike Town's Op-Ed This citizen board is supposed to protect the interests of Virginians, safeguarding our clean air and holding polluters in check. Instead, Youngkin loaded the Air Board with four individuals whose only experience on energy or air pollution Youngkin's attacks on climate could include bad move



comes from working to advance fossil fuels, fighting renewable energy, and opposing climate action. Mike Town wrote a scathing opinion piece about the harm this does to Virginia; you can <u>read more about it in his op-ed</u> from the Virginian-Pilot.

Virginia LCV Team joined national LCV and other state LCVs in Washington recently to advocate for a healthy environment, and the budget investments needed to make transformational climate action a reality. Executive Director Mike Town and longtime Virginia LCV ally Senator Tim Kaine are joined by Western Virginia Organizer Nate Leies, State Field Director Dane Levis, and LCV's Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Tiernan Sittenfeld.



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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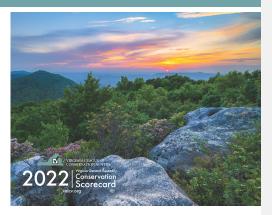


Offshore Wind Event - Hampton Roads

Virginia LCV held a fantastic event at Brock Environmental Center on May 23rd that featured keynote speakers discussing the numerous benefits of offshore wind energy and its ability to address economic, environmental justice, public health, and national security crises. Speakers included **Senator Lynwood Lewis, Delegate Angelia Williams Graves, Jennifer Palestrant,** current FUGRO Director of Business Development for the Americas and former Virginia DoE Chief Deputy, **Eileen Woll,** Sierra Club VA Chapter Offshore Wind Energy Program Director, **Matt Smith,** Director of Offshore Wind Business Development for Hampton Roads Alliance, and our own **Catherine Setaro,** Virginia League of Conservation Voters Hampton Roads Organizer.

2022 Virginia LCV Scorecard is COMING SOON!!

Stay tuned and check your mailboxes for the 2022 Scorecard hot off the presses in the coming days! For the first time in Virginia LCV's history, we are including a gubernatorial accountability piece in the Scorecard - holding Governor Youngkin responsible for his efforts to gut environmental protections and roll back the hard-won progress we've made in the past two years.



Join Virginia LCV Executive Director Mike Town and award-winning legislators virtually on Friday, July 8th at noon, for our 2022 Conservation Scorecard Release Zoom. Register here for a sneak peek at this year's scores and insider insights.



Virginia LCV is pleased to have earned Guidestar/Candid's top transparency rating in 2022.

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