



Hi Friend,

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



**Virginia LCV's Field Team Heads to the White House to Celebrate the Passage of the IRA with Nationwide Partners and the Biden Administration**

On September 14, our Field Team had the amazing honor of celebrating the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act on the White House lawn with partners and members of the Biden administration. President Biden and Vice President Harris both spoke, as well as Nancy Pelosi, and top environmental leaders. The crowd had a huge treat when musician James Taylor played. Union representatives were in attendance along with environmental organizations from around the country.

The IRA is a monumental bill that provides funding for healthy communities, clean energy, job growth, and economic development among many other benefits. Virginia LCV's continued advocacy will ensure that these investments benefit every corner of our Commonwealth.

**Representatives join VALCV for Cocktails & Conversation in Central VA**

Virginia LCV hosted its first of three regional Conservation Mixers this fall at Common House Charlottesville on October 5th. Senator Creigh Deeds spoke and was joined by Delegate Sally Hudson, Delegate David Reid, former Delegate David Toscano, and Charlottesville Mayor Lloyd Snook for an evening of conservation networking and connection.





Executive Director Michael Town and Senator Deeds highlighted the importance of strong defensive strategies to ensure our Commonwealth holds the progress on climate action and conservation protections, and the urgent need to regain a Conservation Majority to keep Virginia on the path forward.

**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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### **Connecting and Protecting Communities Town Hall in Richmond**

On October 1st, Virginia LCV was proud to host a Town Hall at Ebenezer Baptist Church in historic Jackson Ward. Congressman Donald McEachin was the keynote speaker and was joined by Delegate Betsy Carr, members of City Council, representatives of the Jackson Ward Association, and several other community leaders. This event was held to educate community members about Environmental Justice projects and energy

efficiency programs available through Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (BIIJA) and how to apply for their funds. These bills include funds for many types of environmental justice initiatives such as reconstruction grants for neighborhood access and equity, tree planting to combat urban heat deserts, replacement of lead pipes, safe and affordable utilities, and rebates and other incentives for clean energy solutions that include energy efficiency, rooftop solar, and more.



### **Virginia LCV Generates Strong Media Pushback on Youngkin's New Energy Plan.**

Governor Youngkin released his Energy Plan for Virginia this week - a contradictory approach that walks back the Commonwealth's clean energy and climate action commitments. It's clear who this plan benefits: big polluters. Fortunately, the General Assembly - not the Governor - is in charge of passing energy policy. Virginia LCV Executive Director Michael Town released a statement that was picked up by the news media

around Virginia, saying "This 'all-of-the-above' energy plan is really just a thinly veiled attempt to obstruct our transition to a clean energy economy and roll back the climate action policies that are securing cleaner air for Virginia while creating jobs and investment in our state." Town was also featured on ABC-8 News saying "As we transition our grid from dirty power to clean power, we're going to have to pay for those costs. Energy efficiency is the way that you balance that and make it so that you either minimize or eliminate those increases and this report just ignores that topic altogether."

Read the [Associated Press article](#) and check out the story on [WRIC \(ABC\) News](#).

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