



Hi Friend,

End of summer 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 Team Travels to DC to Encourage the Passing of the IRA

Healthy communities, clean energy, job growth, and economic development are just some of the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act. On August 1, Virginia LCV's policy director and field team visited congressional offices in DC to advocate for the Act, tout the benefits to our Commonwealth, and urge congressional support.

Virginia LCV staffers focused on the powerful impacts - for both our country and our state - of \$739B in revenue, \$433B in new investments, the \$369B for renewable energy production and EV tax rebates, the 1.4-1.5 million new jobs it would create by 2030, the 15% corporate tax rate, and the enormous health impacts like avoiding 3,700-

3,900 premature deaths per year by 2030 - with reductions concentrated in communities of color, and the prevention and reductions of asthma attacks.

Richmond Climate Action Celebration and Press Conference

Virginia LCV staff, elected officials, and fellow advocates gathered in Abner Clay Park on August 16th to celebrate the passage of a once-in-a-lifetime climate package - the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - that includes clean air and environmental justice investments, jobs, and affordable prescriptions for American families.



Representative Donald McEachin spoke along with Senator Ghazala Hashmi on the transformational benefits of the IRA. Virginia LCV were joined by several partner organizations and legislative staffers. All were in high spirits after the passing of this historic act.

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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Rep. Luria's Offshore Wind Tour and Conference

On August 24, Representative Elaine Luria held a tour and press conference touting the importance of offshore wind initiatives, along with Virginia LCV, the BlueGreen Alliance, UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110, the Virginia Building and Construction Trades.



Virginia LCV staff joined Congresswoman Luria to discuss the importance of union apprenticeship programs in preparing a workforce for offshore wind deployment in Virginia and the United States. The press conference was then followed by a tour of the UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110 in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Virginia Holds Rallies Throughout State



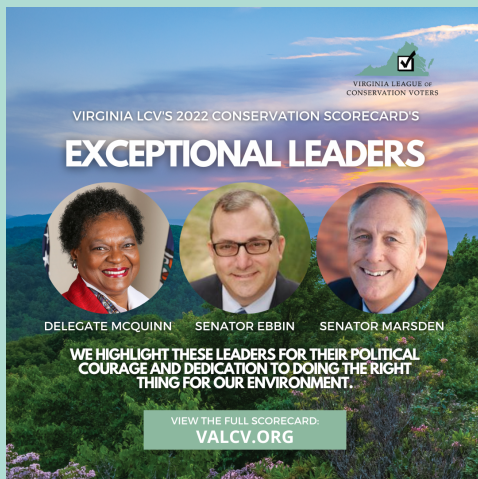
to Defend Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

On August 31st, Virginia LCV staff joined rallies held in cities across Virginia to support and defend the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Virginia's membership in RGGI is returning hundreds of millions of dollars to our state to combat flooding, keep communities safe, and lower electric bills - all while cutting

harmful pollution from dirty power plants and addressing the climate crisis. Gov. Glenn Youngkin wants to remove our state from this highly successful program - letting polluters off the hook while robbing us from millions of dollars of funding for flood control programs and energy-efficient, affordable housing projects in communities across Virginia.

The rally in Richmond was held outside the VADEQ Virginia Air Pollution Control Board meeting, where Virginia LCV staff were joined by colleagues from Sierra Club, Appalachian Voices, CASA, CCAN, Virginia Interfaith Power & Light, and the Virginia Conservation Network. The Board moved forward with its plan to remove Virginia from RGGI by 2023, but Virginia LCV will continue fight back and push hard for what Virginians deserve; the health and economic benefits of RGGI.



Congratulations to this year's Conservation Scorecard Exceptional Leaders!

Virginia LCV recognized Delegate Delores McQuinn, Senator Adam Ebbin, and Senator David Marsden as Exceptional Leaders in our 2022 Conservation Scorecard. These legislators went above and beyond to make sure our Commonwealth's clean energy and climate policies are protected; they understood that when Virginia's environment is under attack, it takes Exceptional Leaders to fight back.

Virginia LCV's annual Conservation Scorecard is the only document of its kind - we hold every state legislation accountable for their actions on the environment. And this year, for the first time ever, we include a gubernatorial accountability report, rating Governor Youngkin on his failure to protect Virginia's natural resources. You'll want to see all the details - [HERE!!](#)

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