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To Our Virginia Lawmakers:

Thank you for your service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and its residents.

American Association of University Women of Virginia (AAUW-VA) members have been meeting today with lawmakers on a variety of issues, including reproductive rights, economic security for women and families, workplace issues and, of special importance, high quality public education for all. This is our 101st year of advocating for women in Virginia. We hope some of our members have been able to speak with you or a member of your staff.

AAUW-VA is a non-partisan statewide membership organization with 22 branches across the Commonwealth and approximately 1,000 members. AAUW National advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

We are focusing on the following legislative and policy priorities for the 2026 Virginia General Assembly legislative session:

- Full funding for our public schools and a strong system of public education that promotes equity, diversity, and inclusivity. We support [HB92](#) and [SB90](#) to improve funding for students facing the highest barriers.
- Economic security and equity for women in the workplace, including paid sick days and paid family and medical leave. [HB5](#), [HB372](#) and [SB2](#).
- We support the [SB215](#), which updates the Virginia Equal Pay Act, prohibiting employers from seeking wage or salary history.

More information is available on our fact sheets [here](#). And here:



Please contact us if you would like more information or if we can be of assistance to you and your staff in working together to advance equity for women and girls and economic security for Virginia's families.

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