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The Honorable William J. Howell
Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates
General Assembly Building
P.O. Box 406, Room 635
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We recognize a good idea when we hear one. We have heard several Committee Chairs state that you have asked them to hold all legislation having a fiscal impact on the state budget until an overall budget strategy is developed.

VACo and VML respectfully request that you take similar action in regards to legislation that negatively affects local revenues or that imposes or expands the services cities, counties and towns must provide.

As you know, local governments are struggling to manage their budgets in light of decreasing or stagnant local and state revenues. Local governments do not have the revenue resources to take on new responsibilities or to see their revenue further diminished.

[A partial listing of the bills in House](#) that negatively affect local revenues or place new responsibilities on local governments is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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