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Honorable Delegate Jim LeMunyon
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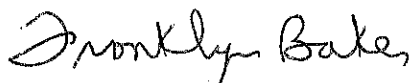
Dear Delegate LeMunyon:

On behalf of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, I just want to say thank you for hearing our collective and individual requests to withdraw bill (HB792). Our 117-year-old, faith-based organization serves more than 10,000 men, women and children in the Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia including the homeless, those in need of affordable housing, our veterans and their families, those suffering with substance abuse issues, ex-offenders, the intellectually and developmentally disabled, and those with mental illnesses. Your action helps many of those we serve to experience affordable housing in our region, particularly in Northern Virginia.

As you may know, since many of the people we serve earn less than 60% of the average median income (AMI), having access to affordable housing within close proximity of their place of employment will help them save on transportation costs, decrease traffic congestion, strengthen families and bolster the local economy. It can't be overstated - small units in a high cost county such as Fairfax can provide a viable solution to homelessness and overcrowding while supporting people with special needs. Housing our lower income workforce supports their ability to live in dignity in an affordable unit they can call home.

Finally, if there is anything we can do in partnership with you, your staffers and your colleagues in the House of Delegates or Senate, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 240-764-2633.

Sincerely,



Franklyn Baker
Chief of Staff and External Affairs Officer

Cc: Russell K. Snyder, President and CEO