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**Prince William Freshman Democrats Are Bad For Business**

*Delegates Carter, Ayala, Guzman, Carroll-Foy and Roem Earn Poor*

*Grades From Chamber of Commerce For Second Year In A Row*

WOODBIDGE, VA – The Virginia Chamber of Commerce has released their [2019 Legislative Report Card](#), which grades members of the General Assembly on legislation related to key business issues. The Prince William County freshman Democrats all earned an “F” or “D” for their 2019 voting records, which was *actually worse* than their [2018 grades](#). Most notably, Delegates Lee Carter and Elizabeth Guzman earned two of the three lowest scores in the entire Commonwealth, at 40 and 50, respectively.

Legislators were scored on their position for bills that would keep Virginia’s economy strong, such as the creation of the Tech Talent Investment Program, offering more health care choices for consumers, and tax reform. They received negative marks for bills that would cost Virginia jobs and have an adverse affect on our economic growth and competitiveness.

2019 Scorecard:

Delegate Lee Carter, D-50 (40)	F
Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, D-31 (50)	F
Delegate Jennifer Carroll-Foy, D-2 (56)	F
Delegate Hala Ayala, D-51 (66)	D
Delegate Danica Roem, D-13 (67)	D+

2018 Scorecard:

Delegate Lee Carter, D-50 (55)	F
Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, D-31 (59)	F
Delegate Jennifer Carroll-Foy, D-2 (71)	C-
Delegate Hala Ayala, D-51 (73)	C
Delegate Danica Roem, D-13 (66)	D

"Gone are the days of moderate pro-business Democrats in Virginia," said Prince William Republican Chairman Bill Card. "The Democratic Socialist Lee Carter is now leading our County freshman Democrats and dictating their policy positions. This year's election is crystal clear: re-elect Delegate Carter and his disciples and suffer a weakened Prince William County economy, or replace these freshman Democrats with legislators who want to bring quality jobs to our community."

The Report Card mentions that legislation defeated by Republicans saved small and large businesses over \$17 billion in new costs and protected over 150,000 Virginia jobs. Statewide, the average score for House Republicans was 96.8, while the average score for House Democrats was 70.8 -- barely above passing, although the Prince William freshman Democrats were below the average for Democrats across the state.

"This business scorecard is a clear statement for where our current freshman Delegates stand on economic development and worker opportunity in our County," said D.J. Jordan, candidate for the 31<sup>st</sup> District. "We need to have a strong pro-business environment for economic development here in Prince William County so that companies will locate here; instead of always needing to drive to Arlington, Tysons Corner, or Washington, DC for work, we need to have high paying jobs here in our community for working families."

"With about 60 percent of Prince William County and Manassas Park residents commuting outside the county to work every day, we need a Delegate who will fight to attract new high paying jobs to our local community and make it a great place to start and operate businesses," said Kelly McGinn, candidate for the 13<sup>th</sup> District. "My opponent earned a D+ grade from the Virginia Chamber for embracing job-killing policies and has failed to deliver on promises like fixing Route 28. As your Delegate, I'll be a champion for better jobs, a strong local economy, and real solutions to our traffic woes."

“My opponent’s failing grade from the Virginia Chamber is proof that she cares more about pushing an extreme liberal agenda rather than focusing on keeping Virginia the best place to do business,” said Heather Mitchell, candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> District. As Delegate, my focal point will be growing our businesses and jobs here in Virginia.”

“Whether it’s a failed legislative agenda in Richmond with the lowest number of bills passed in the entire 140-member General Assembly, or a failed constituent services program at home in Prince William County, a grade of D- from thousands of Virginia and Prince William businesses is an embarrassment,” said Rich Anderson, candidate for 51<sup>st</sup> District. “In January, the 51st House District will again have a Delegate with eight years of A+ grades from Virginia businesses—a Delegate who truly cares for our economy, families, workers, and jobs that provide secure incomes and quality of life.

“Virginia is a national model for how to attract and retain businesses of all industries through lower taxes, reducing burdensome regulations, and less intrusion into the private sector,” said Delegate Tim Hugo, R-40th. “The November elections are a clear contrast between continuing Virginia’s economic growth or stifling our businesses and job creators.”

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