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The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn
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Dear Madam Speaker:

We, the undersigned, urge you to take action to ensure that the proposed redistricting Constitutional Amendment (SJ18) is brought to the floor and voted on in the House of Delegates before the General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn sine die on March 7. This would be a historic step forward to reform this important process upon the completion of the 2020 Census, and it would end gerrymandering on the basis of race and partisanship.

Support for the amendment is broad and extends well beyond any partisan lines. Below are just a few of the representatives from Virginia-based advocacy coalitions, nationally-recognized redistricting groups and community leaders who are asking you to act now and bring SJ18 to the floor for a vote.

Respectfully,

James W. Abrenio, Attorney

Suzanne Almeida, Redistricting and Representation Counsel at Common Cause

Kofi Annan

The Honorable Preston Banks, Vice Mayor and City Manager of Manassas Park

Corrina Beall, Legislative and Political Director of the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club

The Honorable Donald S. Beyer Jr., Congressman from Virginia's 8th Congressional District

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David Daley, Senior Fellow at FairVote, Author of *Unrigged: How Americans are Battling Back to Save Democracy*

James Dau, Executive Director of the Virginia AARP

The Honorable E. Dana Dickens, III, Former Mayor of Suffolk

The Honorable Wyatt B. Durette, Jr., Former Member of the House of Delegates

Katie Fahey, Founder of Voters Not Politicians

Kathay Feng, National Redistricting Director at Common Cause

The Honorable Jay Fisette, Former Chair, Arlington Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Joe Frank, Former Mayor of Newport News

Barbara J. Fried

Peggy Friedenberg

The Honorable Michael Futrell, former Virginia Delegate and President of the National Black Nonpartisan Redistricting Organization

Claire Guthrie Gastanaga, Executive Director of the ACLU of Virginia

Bob Gibson, Former Executive Director of UVA's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership

Rebecca Green, Co-Director of William & Mary Law School's Election Law Program

Daniel Grogan

The Honorable Glenn Hill, Sheriff for Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park

Paul O. Hirschbiel

A.E. Dick Howard, Professor of Law, University of Virginia
Kat Imhoff, Senior Conservation Fellow, Piedmont Environmental Council of Virginia
The Honorable Karen Keys-Gamarra, Fairfax County School Board Member At Large
Everett A. Lewis, NAACP Alexandria Chief of Communications, Press and Publicity; VSC NAACP Chair of Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee
Yvonne Lewis, Chair of the Virginia Social Action Task Force of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Gregory E. Lucyk, Former Chief Staff Attorney for the Supreme Court of Virginia
The Honorable Ann Mallek, Supervisor, Albemarle County
Steven and Kathie Markel
Tavorise Marks, Chesterfield County NAACP
Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr., Founder of OneVirginia2021
Sharron Kitchen Miller, Retired pediatric administrator and widow of Senator John Miller
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The Honorable Monae Nickerson
The Honorable Glenn Nye, Former Member of Congress, 2nd District of Virginia
Susan S. Platt, Founder of Emerge Virginia
The Honorable Phyllis Randall, Chair of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors
Pamela Kiecker Royall
William A. Royall, Jr.
The Honorable Chris Saxman, Executive Director of Virginia FREE
The Honorable Winsome Sears, Former Member of the House of Delegates
The Honorable Allison Silberberg, Former Mayor of Alexandria
J. Knox Singleton, Former CEO of INOVA Health Systems
Paul Smith, Vice President of Campaign Legal Center
Julies D. Spain, Jr., President of the Arlington County NAACP
Anne D. Sterling, Past President of the League of Women Voters Virginia
Yasmine Taeb, Democratic National Committeewoman, Virginia
Brent Tarter, Author of *Gerrymanders: How Redistricting has Protected Slavery, White Supremacy, and Partisan Minorities in Virginia* (2019)
R. Grant Tate, CEO, Bridge Business Transformations
Pastor Michelle C. Thomas, President of the Loudoun County NAACP
Phillip Thompson, Executive Director of the National Black Nonpartisan Redistricting Organization
Thomas Turner, Chairman of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia
James E. Ukrop
The Honorable Kathleen Utgoff, Former Commission U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Bobby Vassar, Former Chief Counsel to U.S. Congressman Robert C. Scott
The Honorable Jody Wagner, Former Secretary of Finance
Deb Wake, President of the League of Women Voters Virginia
Dr. Samuel S.-H. Wang, Director of the Princeton Gerrymandering Project
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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
The Honorable Sam Rasoul
The Honorable Richard “Rip” C. Sullivan, Jr.
The Honorable Schuyler T. VanValkenburg