2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Newly Appointed State Members



Maryland:

- Senate Majority Leader Brian Feldman
- Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison





Virginia:

- Senator Saddam Azlan Salim
- Delegate Charniele Herring



2027 Session Top Priorities

Metro Funding

- Additional $460M in annual, growing, capital funding starting in FY29

Ticket Reciprocity

- Legislation allowing the District, Maryland and Virginia to enter ticket reciprocity agreements

Flushable Wipes

- Proposing legislation in Maryland and Virginia to establish a clear standard for when a wipe product can be marketed as “flushable” sewer safe

Transportation Funding, Planning & Connectivity

- Support DMV*Moves* Initiative's Funding Recommendations for Metro and Local Transit
  - Additional $460M in Capital Funding, that grows annually, by FY29
- Support an Indexed Federal Funding for the Region’s Metro System
- Support Fixing the Deficit in the Federal Highway Trust Fund
- Support Roadway & Pedestrian Safety
  - Ticket reciprocity legislation

Water Quality Protection

- Support Investments in Water Infrastructure & Water Quality Protection
  - Backup water supply feasibility study
- Support Climate & Resiliency Initiatives
- Ensure Regulatory Feasibility & Flexibility
- Ensure Local Government Input
- Ensure local governments have input on Data Centers based on land use, wastewater, energy and water capacity

Climate Resiliency & Air Quality Protection

- Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals
- Support Accelerated Multi-Sector Actions to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Criteria Pollutants
- Ensure Sustainable Secure Energy Access for All
- Support Solar Deployment and Aggressive State Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Expand Clean Energy Innovation, Technology & Finance
- Support Aggressive Energy Efficiency Goals
  - Support policies and programs to address energy demand growth from high electricity use sectors such as data centers.
- Enhance Incentives & Financing Mechanisms for Climate Resiliency
- Support Policies that Preserve & Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health

Housing and Economic Resources

- Support Efforts to Equitably Increase the Supply of Housing & Promote Housing Affordability
- Support Efforts to Present & End the Experience of Homelessness
- Support Alignment of Workforce Development & Job Creation
- Support Local Governments & Activity Centers

Homeland Security and Public Safety

- Support Funding for Public Health Response
- Support Cybersecurity Preparedness Initiatives
- Support Regional Emergency Preparedness
- Increase Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funding
- Support Resources for Violent Crime Reduction

Health and Human Services

- Support Efforts to Combat Substance Use Disorders
- Support Health Equity and Health Disparity Reduction
- Increase Availability of and Access to Mental Health Services
- Promote Family Preservation and Avoid Family Separation Due to Citizen Status
- Increase Recruitment and Support for Foster Children and Resource Parents

Food Security and Healthy Food Access

- Defend and Strengthen Programs to Reduce Childhood Poverty and Support Nutrition & Health
- Improve Food Security and Healthy Food Access
- Support Small Farmers and Food System Resilience
- Support Local Food Entrepreneurs, Businesses, and Workforce Development

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