

The Fairfax County Democratic Committee Requests

All Democratic General Assembly Members Representing Fairfax County To Vote Against

All Bills that Contribute to Fossil Fuel Extraction, Development, and Increased Use and

Vote for Clean Energy Bills that Rapidly and

Significantly Reduce Virginia's Contribution to Climate Change.

## Whereas,

The new Democratic majority in the 2020 Session of the General Assembly passed historic legislation combating Climate Change and helping the environment, both in number and substance.

The National Academy of Sciences, the Democratic Party and the United Nations have proclaimed Climate Change to be the greatest non-military threat facing the Earth.

The National Academy of Sciences, the Democratic Party and the United Nations have proclaimed emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) by human activity to have significantly contributed to Climate Change.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has determined that global CO2 emissions must be on track to be reduced by 45 percent by 2030 in order to avoid potentially catastrophic impacts.

Climate Change severely and urgently affects the environment, economy, and security of Virginia, and the social well-being, health, and safety of Virginians, and demands an immediate social, technological, and economic mobilization to mitigate, reverse, and prepare for the consequences of the climate emergency and to restore the climate for future generations. Fossil fuel use is the most significant contributor to the CO2 emissions causing Climate Change. Legislation that promotes or supports fossil fuel extraction, development, use, export, etc. knowingly further exacerbates Climate Change and threatens the future well-being of the Commonwealth.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee requests all Democratic General Assembly Members representing Fairfax County to vote against all bills that support or promote fossil fuel extraction, development and increased use, and vote for Clean Energy bills that rapidly and significantly reduce Virginia's contribution to Climate Change.

PASSED and APPROVED on this 26th day of May 2020.