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Virginia Senate
Virginia House of Delegates

Dear Legislator,

I urge you to reject any and all tax increases, fee increases, or mark-ups as you move forward in budget deliberations. There is never a good time for a tax increase, but now in these economically tough times, it would be most detrimental to any prospect of economic growth and job creation.

House Bill 30 contains a \$60 million tax increase on businesses that is imposed with the elimination of the Section 199 deduction. HB 30 decouples the Virginia code from the Federal tax code in turn raising taxes on Virginia's businesses. **I urge you to eliminate this tax increase found in House Bill 30.**

As Governor McDonnell stated in the State of the Commonwealth address, "Certainly the national and global economy has had a significant impact on the revenues and the budget in Virginia. But that is only part of the story. Ronald Reagan used to say 'Government is too big and it spends too much.' He was talking about the federal government at the time- but it applies to state governments as well" Governor McDonnell continued, saying, "Since I got elected to this body in 1991, state spending has more than tripled, far beyond the rate of growth in population and inflation. We can do better." Gov. McDonnell's words sum up the problem. The current problem is not a revenue problem, but rather is a symptom of out of control spending. **I encourage you to address the real problem: overspending.**

Please join the families of Virginia who are working to find ways to make due with less, rather than pursuing more revenue from the private sector. As families are finding ways to cut their budgets, I urge you to find more cuts rather than by raising taxes, fees, or mark-ups. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Pick, state affairs manager, at 202.785.0266.

Onward,

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