The American Rescue Plan: Impacts on Virginia

The Need for Action in Virginia

The pandemic and the associated economic crisis have had a severe impact on Virginia. The need for action is clear:

- Since the pandemic began, more than 586,592 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 9,683 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 5.6%, up from 2.5% before the pandemic.
- Since February 2020, more than 318,214 fewer people are employed.
- 503,000 adults – 9% of all adults in the state – report not having enough food to eat. This includes 308,000 adults living with children, or 15% of all adults living with children, who report that the children in their household do not have enough to eat.
- An estimated 267,000 renters or 14% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 1,929,000 adults or 31% of all adults statewide report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on Virginia

President Biden’s American Rescue Plan will provide Virginia with:

- $4.431 billion in state fiscal relief
- $2.913 billion in local fiscal relief
- More than $2.187 billion in relief for K-12 schools
- Economic impact payments of up to $1,400 per person (above the $600 per person provided in December) for more than 5,118,900 adults and 1,884,700 children. This is 82% of all adults in the state and 81% of all children in the state.
- Additional relief of up to $1,600 per child through the Child Tax Credit to the families of 1,591,000 children, lifting 85,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly $1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 419,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are $1,503 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning $75,000 per year