



Keep people in their homes.

VPLC Supports:

- extending the time a tenant may pay rent late (from 5 to 14 days) before eviction proceedings begin
- changing how in-home care is financed so people aren't forced into nursing homes
- fair and reasonable standards on home utility service disconnection



Help families and children thrive.

VPLC Supports:

- expansion of free school and summer meals for hungry children
- extending health care coverage to all children
- a state child tax credit to raise children out of poverty
- improved legal representation in child dependency cases
- nonpunitive court processes for families to help troubled youth

VPLC Opposes:

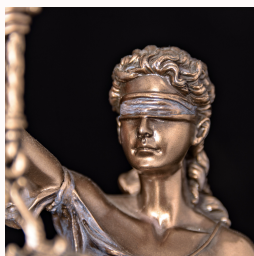
- eliminating longstanding "best interests of the child" factors that judges must consider in making custody and visitation rulings in favor of factors that result in favoring abusive parents over protective parents



Stop the spread of abusive junk fees.

VPLC Supports:

- requiring that the total price for goods or services including all mandatory fees or charges be disclosed prominently before sale
- the Truth in Renting Act requiring landlords to disclose all potential fees and rent to potential tenants
- prohibiting residential landlords from charging for maintenance they're required to provide
- prohibiting landlords from charging "convenience" fees for online rent payments
- prohibiting abusive utility reconnection fees



Improve access to justice.

VPLC Supports:

- allowing appeals in public benefit cases where the government doesn't follow the law
- further study of eligibility rules for Medicaid and other life-sustaining benefits
- a fair court process before children are separated from their parents
- making it easier for people under guardianship to ask that their guardianship be changed
- allowing class action lawsuits that provide access to courts
- legislation to improve unemployment entitlement decisions and to limit unemployment overpayments