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January 31, 2022

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Hampton Roads Caucus
Virginia General Assembly
Pocahontas Building
900 E. Main Street
Richmond, VA 23218

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GLOUCESTER

RE: Senate Bill #764
House Bill #1290

HAMPTON

Dear Hampton Roads Caucus Members:

ISLE OF WIGHT

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Cybersecurity Subcommittee, we write today to oppose Senate Bill #764 and House Bill #1290, based on language and not principle.

JAMES CITY

This proposed legislation enables the Virginia Chief Information Officer (CIO) the authority to “take such actions as are necessary, convenient, or desirable to ensure the security of the Commonwealth’s electronic information and confidential data,” whereas before this authority was limited to the executive branch only and not all “public bodies.”

NEWPORT NEWS

Furthermore, the proposed legislation requires local governments to report cybersecurity incidents to the Virginia Chief Information Officer (CIO) within 24 hours, whereby modifying all public bodies Incident Response (IR) plans resulting in negligence of Cyber-Security Best Practices and breach of Cyber-Security Insurance policies.

NORFOLK

POQUOSON

Lastly, the amendment introduced for HB 1290 establishes a workgroup to study cyber-security reporting and information sharing practices, which is a strict process reversal of enacting legislation then convening a workgroup. All reporting and information sharing practices should be defined and then proceed with a holistic legislation framework.

PORTSMOUTH

In closing, we urge all Hampton Roads Caucus Members, Committee Members, and General Assembly Members to oppose legislative items SB #764 and HB #1290 and recommend a holistic workgroup to formulate comprehensive cyber-security measures for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

SMITHFIELD

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter and your work on behalf of the Hampton Roads region.

SOUTHAMPTON

Sincerely,

SUFFOLK

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