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[Date]

The Honorable Abigail Spanberger
Office of the Governor
PO Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor Spanberger:

As a member of [Name of Church/School], which is affiliated with the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, I would like to urge you to help Virginia's children by completing Virginia's advance election with the IRS, for Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) that plan to implement the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit (EFTC). This would include the AACs Children's Scholarship Fund, which is doing business as Accord Kids.

Two primary reasons for your completing the IRS registration for SGOs are as follows.

1. **If you do not complete the registration, the Virginia economy stands to receive a negative impact of between \$500 million and \$1 billion, conservatively.** Tens of thousands of Virginians will donate to the SGOs, regardless of whether children will be allowed to benefit. Those dollars will all leave Virginia for other states. Therefore, failure to complete the registration would be inconsistent with your campaign emphasis on affordability. Enclosed is an analysis of Virginia's participation, put together by the American Federation for Children.
2. **Opting a state into EFTC scholarship participation is quickly becoming a bipartisan action.** Governors in both political parties are realizing that the EFTC makes sense for public school students and for private school students alike, as well as making sense for their own state's overall economy. We know that you are aware of Governor Polis's decision to opt Colorado into the EFTC, as well as of Governor Hochul's decision to opt New York into the EFTC. We anticipate that even more states that have not yet opted in will be doing so soon.

Please ignore the misleading rhetoric claiming that the EFTC is a "voucher" or that it will "take money away from public schools." Neither of these claims is true. The EFTC will be funded entirely with private dollars, and it will in no way change any existing public school funding mechanism at any level of government.

We have confidence that, after you have carefully considered the merits of the EFTC, you will do the right thing by completing Virginia's advance election with the IRS. Thank you for your service to our Commonwealth, and thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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[Your Name, Title]