



Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},


**This week was crossover! Eight of my bills passed the Senate of Virginia and are now in the House of Delegates.**



The Senate of Virginia honored author John Grisham.

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## Crossover Week



## Legislation in the House

<b>SB 225</b> Notifying parents about safe storage of guns	<b>SB 392</b> Mandates at least one doctor on duty in ERs
<b>SB 388</b> Requiring the disclosure of junk fees	<b>SB 393</b> MEI Project Approval Commission to consider diversity of boards
<b>SB 389</b> Reestablishes and expands the Autism Advisory Council	<b>SB 586</b> Codifies the use of restorative disciplinary practices in public schools
<b>SB 391</b> Protects public employees using medicinal cannabis products	<b>SJ 26</b> Study scope and cost of penalizing drug possession as a felony

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## First House Committee Presentation



On Thursday, my bill [SB 392](#), reported from the House Health and Human Services Committee. SB 392 requires any hospital ER to have at least one licensed physician on duty and physically present at all times. Current law requires such hospitals to have a licensed physician on call, though not necessarily physically present on the premises, at all times.

## Chesapeake Bay Foundation's and Chesapeake Oyster Alliance's Oyster Roast



This week we enjoyed the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's and Chesapeake Oyster Alliance's annual oyster roast! We celebrated the Chesapeake Bay aquaculture by sampling oysters from Virginia's many oyster purveyors including: Walker's Seafood (Eastern Shore), Full Measure Oyster Co. (Eastern Shore), Steamboat Wharf Oyster Co. (Rappahannock River), Salty Bottom Blue Oysters (Gwynn's Island), Big Island Aquaculture (Hayes), and Lynnhaven Oyster Club (Virginia Beach).

## Meeting with Constituents



I met with Planned Parenthood Virginia to talk about their legislative priorities. I also met with Appalachian Voices.



I met with students from my alma mater George Mason University.



Finally, I met with representatives from Northern Virginia Community College.

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## Metro Invites Local Students to Submit Earth Day Artwork



In honor of Earth Day, [Metro's Art in Transit program](#) is inviting K-6 students from Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia to submit artworks that highlight and celebrate the significant role of public transportation in fostering a sustainable environment and healthy communities.

The art will be prominently featured on three specially-themed Earth Day Metrobuses that will travel the region.

Students are asked to illustrate Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess' role in [protecting our environment](#), combatting climate change, and supporting sustainable and livable communities. Let your creativity shine as you showcase why these eco-friendly transportation options are truly remarkable.

The deadline for submission is Feb. 29. [Learn more here](#).

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**SD 36**  
**Resolution**  
**Nominations**

Please send nominations for  
Commending and Memorial  
Resolutions to  
[info@stellapekarsky.com](mailto:info@stellapekarsky.com)

Nominations can include: A new business that has opened in the community, a local group that has started a new project, an individual that has received an award, or, at the family's request, a memorial resolution honoring the life of a constituent in the district, and more!

**Please send all nominations to:**  
**[info@stellapekarsky.com](mailto:info@stellapekarsky.com)**

While a resolution cannot be guaranteed for all nominations due to the volume we receive, I am looking forward to honoring some of the incredible constituents I will soon represent.



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**Schedule a meeting with me in Richmond and reach out to our office about legislation that is important to you!**

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**Cheers,  
Stella Pekarsky  
Senator, District 36**



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