

CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA'S 7TH DISTRICT
ABIGAIL SPANBERGER

2022 IN REVIEW

GETTING THINGS DONE FOR VIRGINIA



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FROM ABIGAIL

My chief responsibility is to listen to the Virginians I represent, act on their concerns — and then get things done.

Throughout 2022, I heard from Virginians who were facing high costs — whether at the grocery store, the gas pump, or the pharmacy counter. During meetings and town halls, I also heard concerns about keeping our children, neighbors, and communities safe. Virginians spoke with me about the importance of growing our economy, supporting our Veterans, defending our rights, and so much more — all while responding to the challenges of rebuilding from the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing workforce shortages, and grappling with the impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Thank you for sharing your views on these issues with my office over the past year.

In this end-of-year report, I hope you'll learn more about the work we accomplished for Virginia in 2022. And I hope you'll also get a sense of my priorities going forward in 2023.

This year, I was proud to vote to pass legislation — signed into law by the President — to lower prescription drug, insulin, and vaccine costs for Virginia's seniors. I'm also proud that the President signed into law one of the largest expansions of Veterans healthcare and benefits in history — reforms that are long overdue, particularly for our Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 Veterans.

In 2022, the President signed into law multiple bipartisan bills that I was proud to lead.

These efforts include my work to strengthen our response to fentanyl coming through our borders, combat addiction here in the Commonwealth, tackle climate change, and support Virginia's crop and livestock producers. Additionally, the President signed into law my legislation — that I worked on with both Democrats and Republicans — to protect the retirement benefits of police officers and firefighters, as well as my bill to increase job opportunities for Virginia's Veterans.

As we look ahead to next year, I also want to make sure you know that one of my responsibilities is assisting Virginians who are having issues getting a timely response or fair treatment from a federal government agency.

In 2022 alone, my team returned more than \$16.6 million dollars to Virginians. And since first taking office, our team has returned nearly \$28 million dollars to residents of Virginia's Seventh District — including through IRS, Social Security (SSA), and Veterans Affairs (VA) casework. We are always here to help.

It's a tremendous honor to serve Virginia's Seventh District in the U.S House.

In Congress, I'm working to lower costs, support local jobs, and keep Virginia competitive — because these are the priorities of the Virginians I serve. I'm also focused on protecting the rights of all Virginians — and I'm committed to curbing gun violence in our communities, bringing people together, and strengthening our national security.

Thank you,

CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA'S 7TH DISTRICT
ABIGAIL SPANBERGER



2022 BY THE NUMBERS



\$16 MILLION+
returned to Central Virginians



48,521
responses to emails,
calls, and letters



1,896
constituent cases
closed



95%
bipartisan



40
bills introduced
96% bipartisan



\$29.2 MILLION
for 25 community projects



35%
signed into Law



#1
most Bipartisan Member
of Congress from Virginia
(Third year in a row)



#5
most Bipartisan
House Democrat

DELIVERING FOR VIRGINIA

Abigail has worked directly with Virginia leaders to bring the concerns of Seventh District communities to Congress and get federal support for local priorities. Her work with local leaders has focused on keeping Virginians safe, rebuilding our physical infrastructure, expanding healthcare and treatment services, creating new jobs, and fostering economic growth.

In March 2022, President Biden signed into law funding for 10 Virginia projects that Abigail successfully secured — totaling more than \$6.4 million now headed to Virginia's Seventh District.

Abigail collaborated with county officials and community leaders to solicit these Community Project Funding requests, move these projects forward, and ensure they were included in the final end-of-year funding deal.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

AMELIA COUNTY

\$375,000 for a new office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Amelia County, to improve safety for citizens and public employees.

“ These significant upgrades have been needed for quite some time and the current facility has not been meeting the needs of Amelia's citizens or employees...The funds as provided by the new Federal budget will make this new facility operational, with improved security and safety, several years before it would otherwise have been. We thank Rep. Spanberger, as well as her office and staff, for making this project become a reality.”

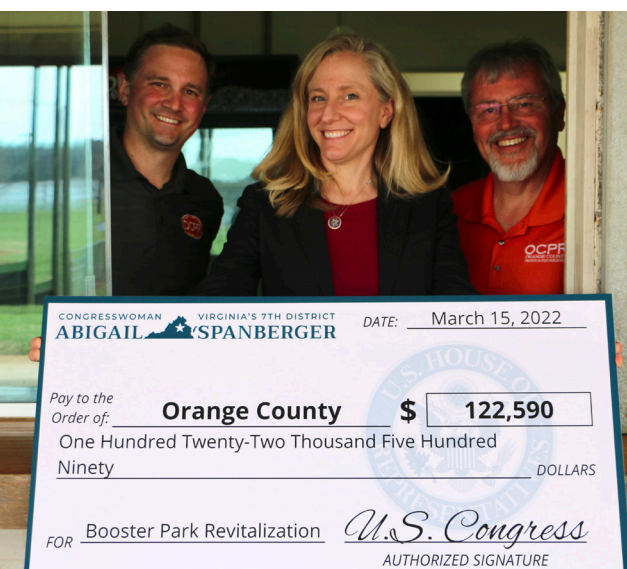
**David M. Felts, Chairman,
Amelia County Board of Supervisors**

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

\$1 million to improve drainage along Otterdale Road in Chesterfield County — alleviating the significant flooding that routinely occurs during heavy rainstorms at crossings along the road.

“ We are appreciative anytime Congress agrees to help Chesterfield address mounting transportation needs. These funds will assist Chesterfield in bringing positive and long-awaited change along an artery relied upon by thousands of motorists daily while also helping us alleviate a critical public safety challenge when flooding prevents emergency personnel and apparatus access to area homes.”

**Christopher Winslow, Chairman,
Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors**



CULPEPER COUNTY

\$200,000 for the roof replacement of the Carver Center — previously George Washington Carver Regional High School — in Culpeper County.

“On behalf of the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors I wish to share my gratitude for the Community Project Funding secured for the Carver Center. These funds will directly contribute to the Carver Center’s revitalization as a cultural, agricultural, and vocational education campus.”

**Gary Deal, Chairman,
Culpeper County Board of Supervisors**

GOOCHLAND COUNTY

\$15,000 for GoochlandCares — a local nonprofit organization and free clinic with a mission to provide healthcare to elderly, low-income, and disabled Goochland residents — to increase access to healthcare in Goochland County.

“We are extremely grateful for the support and advocacy of Congresswoman Spanberger on behalf of Virginia’s network of free and charitable clinics, who play an important role in safeguarding the state’s underserved populations.”

**Rufus Phillips, CEO, Virginia
Association of Free & Charitable Clinics**

HENRICO COUNTY

\$1 million to build a 24-hour center to provide same-day inpatient detox services in Henrico County.

“This federal funding will help us to transform and save lives. Henrico is grateful for Representative Spanberger’s leadership and support in this effort. With our site now being cleared for construction, we look forward to the center’s opening in 2024.”

**Tyrone E. Nelson, Henrico County Board
of Supervisors, Varina Magisterial District &
Co-Chairman, Henrico Recovery Roundtable**

LOUISA COUNTY

\$775,000 for affordable housing in Louisa County.

“I’m proud to have worked directly with Louisa County in securing this funding — and I thank these elected officials for their leadership, their vision, and their commitment to the people of Louisa. I am encouraged that this funding will soon begin delivering results to the greater Louisa community.”

Abigail

NOTTOWAY COUNTY

\$923,937 for the purchase of an aerial ladder fire truck for the Blackstone Volunteer Fire Department.

“Without hesitancy, Rep. Abigail Spanberger came through for our fire department and community! We are, and forever will be grateful to Rep. Spanberger and her faculty for helping provide our community with the fire protection they rightly deserve.”

**Dion G. Tomer, Fire Chief,
Blackstone Volunteer Fire Department**

ORANGE COUNTY

\$122,590 for the revitalization of Booster Park in Orange.

“Orange County Parks and Recreation is ecstatic to be the recipient of federal funding to improve the ballfields, practice facilities, and concession stand at Booster Park. The park is utilized by numerous sports teams and community partners who will directly benefit from these repairs. This project supports the Board of Supervisors’ initiative to expand parks and recreation facilities across the county.”

**Theodore L. Voorhees,
County Administrator, Orange County**

POWHATAN COUNTY

\$150,173 for the construction of a new walking and running trail in Powhatan County.

“Congresswoman Spanberger was instrumental in bringing this funding opportunity to our attention and advocating to ensure this important community project was fully funded in the bill. This trail will be one more outdoor asset for Powhatan, linking our scenic rural areas with our top-quality school system.”

Mike Byerly, Chairman, Powhatan County Board of Supervisors

GOOCHLAND COUNTY

\$4,000,000 for Goochland County for the construction of a new roundabout at the Oilville Road-I-64 interchange to alleviate congestion and improve driver safety.

“Investments in our physical infrastructure are smart investments in the people who live in our communities — and who drive on our roads and deserve to be safe as they travel around our Commonwealth...Now, federal funding is headed to Goochland County to rebuild our aging roadways, reduce congestion, and increase driver safety at the I-64 and Oilville Road interchange.”

— Abigail



SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

\$1,840,000 to expand the Motts Run Water Treatment Plant in Spotsylvania.

“The Motts Run water treatment plant expansion project is essential in addressing the immediate needs of our community, but also ensures demands are met for the next 30 years... We would like to extend our gratitude to Representative Spanberger and her staff for their efforts on behalf of the Spotsylvania community in helping to secure this funding, a critical first step in helping to move this project forward while easing the burden on our customers by lowering local costs.”

Tim McLaughlin, Chairman, Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors

And in December 2022, Abigail successfully secured another round of major investments – totaling nearly \$23 million — for 15 local projects across all 10 counties of Virginia’s Seventh District.

CULPEPER COUNTY

“As President of the Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, the award of the Community Project Funding grant is fantastic news for our local first responders. With the growth and rise of EMS calls for service in our county, this new ambulance will replace an aging ambulance that is beyond end of life. We are thankful to the county in assisting with the grant efforts. Finally, we want to recognize and share a big thanks to Representative Spanberger for recognizing the needs, championing our cause, and making this grant a reality!”

Charles Perryman, President, Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association



HENRICO COUNTY

\$5,000,000 for Henrico County's completion of the Lambert Way-Woodman Road Extension, which will create a second access point to Glover Park and be directly tied to Interstate 295 and Route 1.

“Henrico appreciates Representative Spanberger's assistance in securing federal funding for Lambert Way – a critical road project that underscores our commitment to enhancing connectivity and promoting active transportation, recreation and economic development through sports tourism.”

Patricia S. O'Bannon, Chair, Henrico County Board of Supervisors & Representative, Tuckahoe District

“Henrico County's residents, businesses and overall quality of life will benefit greatly from the federal funding to enhance our transit stops with shelters, benches and ramps to ensure ADA-accessibility...Congresswoman Spanberger has been an incredible partner in Washington on this and many other efforts, and we appreciate her leadership and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the citizens of Henrico County.”

John A. Vithoulkas, Henrico County Manager

LOUISA COUNTY

\$1,000,000 for Louisa County to enhance radio coverage in Holly Grove, in the southeast corner of the county, to improve communications abilities for first responders and police.

“The health and safety of our citizens is our top priority. This project also represents a higher level of security for our first responders and local State Police. We have been working to advance this project for several years, and we are pleased to see the tremendous achievement of total radio coverage in our 500-square-mile rural county is now on the horizon.”

Tommy Barlow, Vice Chairman, Louisa County Board of Supervisors

NOTTOWAY COUNTY

1,000,000 for Nottoway County to replace its aging and unreliable public safety radio system with a modern digital radio system.

“This is wonderful news for all of Nottoway County. I want to recognize that today's news would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of Rep. Spanberger, her staff, Nottoway County staff, and all the county's first responder agencies.”

Lynn Shekleton, Chair, Nottoway County Board of Supervisors

ORANGE COUNTY

\$251,000 for the Germanna Community College Educational Foundation to purchase equipment for the newly established Robert C. O'Neill Wellness Clinic.

“Congresswoman Spanberger's advocacy for this investment in health care access changes the wellness landscape for rural, Orange County community members. Through the Robert C. O'Neill Wellness Clinic, to be located in Germanna's new Locust Grove facility, the Dr. Frank and Nancy Turnage Health Sciences Building, students will receive the training and practice they need and our neighbors in the region will have free access to health screenings including medical, physical therapist assisting, emergency medical services and dental.”

Dr. Janet Gullickson, President, Germanna Community College

POWHATAN COUNTY

\$750,000 for Powhatan County to bring Fighting Creek Park and its surrounding areas up to ADA standards.

“This funding will advance the ADA access projects at Fighting Creek Park and other Parks and Recreation spaces in Powhatan County. We are so appreciative for the advocacy

and representation that Representative Abigail Spanberger and her team have provided on the County's behalf to have these important projects included in the House Appropriations Committee's funding for Community Projects."

Mike Byerly, Chairman, Powhatan County Board of Supervisors

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

\$3,452,972 for Phase 2 of Spotsylvania County's Motts Run Water Treatment Plant expansion to meet current and growing water demand as the region grows.

AND \$3,000,000 to help Spotsylvania County design and construct a new 1-million-gallon water tower to replace an existing 250,000-gallon tank.

“ We are grateful to Representative Spanberger and her staff for helping us secure federal community project funding for these two key water infrastructure projects that will serve our community well for many years to come.”

Ben Loveday, Assistant County Administrator for Community Operations, Spotsylvania County

\$125,000 for the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy to purchase a Virtual Reality Training Judgment Simulator.

“ I'm proud to have secured funding for the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy to purchase a new virtual reality training system. I'm grateful for the work of so many local officials and community leaders who have been working with my office to secure this funding, and I look forward to local officers having the resources they need to be prepared for all situations on the job.”

Abigail

\$400,000 for the Rappahannock Area Health District to obtain a fully equipped mobile health clinic.

“ We are elated for the opportunity to bring mobile health services to the Rappahannock Area Health District. We have heard again and again from our community that transportation can pose a real barrier to accessing healthcare. This project will allow us to overcome this barrier, bringing services to many of those most need of care.”

Dr. Olugbenga Obasanjo, Health Director, Rappahannock Area Health District



GETTING THINGS DONE FOR VIRGINIA ON CAPITOL HILL

INVESTING IN VIRGINIA'S PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMY

Abigail Announces \$1.5 Billion for Virginia's Economy Through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

After strongly advocating for this legislation, participating in negotiations, and highlighting the benefits of the bill for Virginia, Abigail voted last year to pass the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. And throughout 2022, she announced new investments coming to Virginia thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure law — including more than \$1.5 billion announced in October 2022 through the Federal Highway Administration. To date, more than \$4.3 billion in bipartisan infrastructure law funding has been announced for Virginia — with more than 110 specific projects already identified for funding. (WTOP, 4/1/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 10/12/2022; NBC12, 10/13/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 11/15/2022)



Abigail Announces More than \$107 Million for Virginia Bridge Repair & Construction through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

In early 2022, Abigail announced an award of more than \$107 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for bridge repair and replacement across Virginia — home to approximately 577 bridges in need of repair. USDOT launched the largest bridge formula program in American history — made possible by the bipartisan infrastructure law. (Rep. Spanberger, 1/14/2022; CBS19, 1/15/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 1/17/2022)

Abigail Hosts 2022 Rural High-Speed Internet Summit in Culpeper County

In April 2022, Abigail convened her 2022 Rural High-Speed Internet Summit at the Culpeper County Library — where she focused on improving Virginia customers' high-speed internet connectivity, particularly in rural areas. She was joined by local Boards of Supervisors members, mayors, education leaders, rural electric cooperatives, first responders, and industry leaders — as well as White House Senior Advisor and Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu and the NTIA's Special Representative for Broadband Andy Berke. (NBC29, 4/19/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 4/19/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 4/26/2022; Culpeper Times, 5/2/2022; CBS6, 5/26/2022)

Abigail Announces More than \$165 Million for Virginia to Reduce Congestion & Improve Commute Times Thanks to Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Abigail announced in April 2022 that Virginia will receive \$165,786,199 in direct investment to assist with reducing traffic congestion and

improving commute times — including along I-95. Made possible through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Virginia now has the authority to invest these funds in congestion management technology, traffic flow improvements, and more. (Rep. Spanberger 4/26/2022; NBC29, 4/27/2022)

Thanks to Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Spanberger Announces \$3,000,000 for U.S. Route 1 Improvements in Spotsylvania County

Abigail announced a grant of \$3,000,000 for road improvements along the U.S. Route 1 corridor from I-95/Exit 126 to Route 208/Lafayette Boulevard in Spotsylvania County. This funding was made possible through the RAISE grant program, which was signed into law as part of the bipartisan infrastructure law. In August 2022, Abigail toured the site of the project with local officials. (Rep. Spanberger, 8/9/2022; Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 8/10/2022; Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 8/23/2022)



CLEANING UP WASHINGTON

Abigail Leads the Charge to Ban Members of Congress from Trading Individual Stocks

Throughout 2022, Abigail continued to spearhead the movement to ban Members of Congress from trading individual stocks. Her bipartisan TRUST in Congress Act — which would effectively ban lawmakers, their spouses, and their dependent children from buying and selling individual stocks — gained more momentum in both parties than ever before. Additionally, she successfully pushed for a U.S. House hearing on the stock trading issue, leading to further momentum going into the next Congress. Abigail also called out congressional leadership in both parties for stalling legislation that would finally get this reform done before the end of the year. (MSNBC, 1/14/2022; CNN, 1/15/2022; Washington Post, 1/17/2022; MSNBC, 1/24/2022; NBC News, 2/7/2022; Fox News, 2/7/2022; NPR, 2/9/2022; Washington Post, 9/15/2022; Fox News, 9/30/2022; Washington Post, 9/30/2022; New York Times, 10/2/2022; Fox News, 10/12/2022)

Abigail Introduces Bipartisan Bill Requiring Members of Congress to Electronically File Public Financial Disclosures

Currently, U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators have the option of completing their public financial disclosures — including annual required reporting and periodic transaction reports — either by hand or electronically. However, recent reporting has shed light on how the current disclosure system leads to nearly or completely illegible paperwork filing of Members of Congress's financial disclosures. To increase transparency, Abigail introduced bipartisan legislation — the Easy to READ Act — to require Members of Congress to file their public financial disclosures electronically. (Business Insider, 9/20/2022; NBC29, 9/21/2022)

Abigail Presses IRS to Clear Backlog & Improve Customer Service

As the 2022 tax filing season began, Abigail led multiple bipartisan and bicameral efforts urging the IRS to take immediate actions to reduce its massive backlog, improve its customer service, and reduce disruptions for Virginia taxpayers. She highlighted the challenges Americans are facing in their day-to-day interactions — including many Virginians still waiting on their 2020 tax returns to process. (Rep. Spanberger, 2/17/2022; NBC29, 2/19/2022; CNBC, 3/14/2022; WTOP, 3/14/2022)



LOWERING COSTS FOR VIRGINIA FAMILIES, SENIORS, & SMALL BUSINESSES

Abigail Votes to Lower Drug Costs for Virginia Seniors, Give Medicare Power to Negotiate

Abigail has long worked to cap insulin costs and give Medicare the power to negotiate drug prices. In August 2022, she voted to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, which will lower drug costs for Virginia seniors. The law caps seniors' out-of-pocket prescription costs at \$2,000 per year — and it caps insulin copays for Medicare beneficiaries at \$35 per month. Additionally, it provides Virginia seniors with free shingles vaccines. (Washington Post, 8/12/2022; 8News, 8/12/2022; NBC4, 8/12/2022; FOX5, 8/14/2022; Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 9/10/2022; CBS6, 11/7/2022; Fox News, 1/25/2023)

U.S. House Passes Abigail's Legislation to Lower Grocery & Gas Costs, Fight Inflation

In June 2022, a bipartisan majority of the U.S. House voted to pass Abigail's legislation — the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act — to lower costs at the grocery store, reduce gas prices, strengthen food supply chains, and increase competition in the American meat industry. Additionally, her bill would combat rising fertilizer prices and increase the availability of higher ethanol blends and other biofuels in Virginia and across the country. (Rep. Spanberger, 6/16/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 6/16/2022; 8News, 6/16/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 6/16/2022)

Abigail's Works to Lower Meat Prices, Crack Down on Consolidation

The U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee voted in June 2022 to advance Abigail's bipartisan and bicameral legislation — the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act — to help lower food prices and tackle anticompetitive practices in the American

meat and poultry industries. Her legislation focuses on preventing shortages, enforcing America's anti-trust laws, and holding bad actors in the meat industry accountable for monopolistic practices — all while supporting Virginia's smaller livestock producers. (Fox News, 6/16/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 6/22/2022; PolitiFact, 6/29/2022)

Abigail Brings President Biden to Virginia to Hear Directly from Virginians about Prescription Drug Costs

In February 2022, Abigail hosted President Joe Biden in Culpeper to discuss ongoing efforts to lower prescription drug costs for Virginians. During the event at Germanna Community College's Culpeper campus, Abigail and the President were joined by several Virginians who have been negatively impacted by rising drug prices, as well as HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. Among those in attendance was Joshua Davis, a 12-year-old Virginian with type 1 diabetes from Midlothian who introduced President Biden. (Washington Post, 2/10/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 2/10/2022; Roll Call 2/10/2022; AP, 2/10/2022)



Abigail Leads Effort to Protect Seniors & Families from Higher Drug Prices

Throughout 2022, Abigail continued her efforts to protect the Federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and preserve discounted drugs for Virginia seniors and families — particularly those in rural and underserved communities. This year, Abigail pressed the Biden Administration to take immediate action against drug manufacturers that refuse to comply with the 340B laws on the

books. Additionally, she led a bipartisan group of her colleagues in speaking on the floor of the U.S. House in support of the federal 340B Drug Discount Program. In their comments, they also outlined their opposition to illegal actions by 17 pharmaceutical companies that are violating 340B laws. (Culpeper Star-Exponent, 1/25/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 6/10/2022; NBC29, 6/10/2022; NBC12, 6/11/2022)



FIGHTING FOR VIRGINIA'S CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Abigail's "Growing Climate Solutions Act" Signed into Law

In December 2022, President Biden signed into law Abigail's Growing Climate Solutions Act — which will break down barriers for farmers, ranchers, and foresters interested in participating in carbon markets and embracing climate-smart practices. The law is supported by a wide range of farm, environment, and industry organizations in Virginia — including the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Virginia Agribusiness Council. (Politico, 12/19/2022; E&E News, 12/20/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 12/30/2022)

Abigail Secures Major Investment in Voluntary Conservation Programs for Virginia Farmers

As the Chair of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee's Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee, Abigail led several efforts in 2022 to support and expand successful, voluntary conservation programs that are good for the land and good for farmers' bottom lines. As part of the

Inflation Reduction Act, Spanberger spearheaded a \$20 billion investment in American agriculture and conservation through provisions from her bipartisan REAP Improvement Act and Climate Stewardship Act. These investments — signed into law by the President — marked the largest investment in sustainable agriculture since the creation of USDA's conservation programs following the Dust Bowl. (Washington Post, 8/12/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 3/28/2023)

Abigail Works to Improve Ability to Charge Electric Pickups & Farm Equipment in Rural America

Abigail introduced her bipartisan Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Farmers Act in January 2022. This legislation would make it easier for Virginians to install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty EV vehicles — including pickup trucks, combines, and tractors. (Rep. Spanberger, 1/12/2022; Politico, 1/13/2022; MarketWatch, 1/24/2022)



SUPPORTING VIRGINIA STUDENTS & PARENTS

Abigail Fights to Protect School Meal Programs, Keep Virginia Students Fed

Throughout 2022, Abigail worked to help Virginia schools keep providing meals to students and mitigate the impacts of inflation on school districts. After she pressed U.S. House leadership in both parties to act with urgency to extend key school meal waivers ahead of a critical deadline, an overwhelmingly bipartisan majority of the U.S.

House voted to pass legislation that would protect access to school meals. The legislation — the Keep Kids Fed Act — was soon signed into law by President Biden. (NBC29, 2/7/2022; WTKR, 2/9/2022; CBS6, 2/10/2022; Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 4/26/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 4/26/2022; 8News, 7/10/2022)



STANDING UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL VIRGINIANS

Following Dobbs Decision, Abigail Takes Action to Protect Women Across the Country

After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Abigail took immediate actions to prevent further steps that undermine the right to privacy and a woman's right to choose. In July 2022, she voted to codify into federal law the right for Americans to access contraception — as well as voted to defend the right of Americans to travel across state lines to seek lawful abortions. (Inside NoVA, 6/24/2022; NBC29, 7/14/2022; NBC12, 7/15/2022; WAMU, 7/15/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 7/15/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 7/21/2022)

Abigail Votes to Defend Marriage Equality, Enshrine Protections into Law

In December 2022, Abigail voted with a bipartisan majority of the U.S. House to protect the rights of same-sex and interracial couples in Virginia and across the country. President Biden soon signed the bill — the Respect for Marriage Act — into law. She was a cosponsor of the

legislation. (CBS19, 7/19/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 12/13/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 11/30/2022)

Abigail Urges U.S. Senate to Remove Deadline to Ratify ERA

Abigail has long worked to make the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) the next amendment to the U.S. Constitution, especially after Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the amendment. This year, she called on U.S. Senate leadership to hold a vote on the floor to remove the deadline to ratify the ERA — via legislation originally cosponsored by Abigail. (Rep. Spanberger, 12/6/2022; WSET, 12/6/2022; Truthout, 12/16/2022)

Abigail Urges President Biden to Build National Strategy to Combat Antisemitism

Amid a wave of antisemitic rhetoric and incidents, Abigail — a member of the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combatting Antisemitism — joined a bipartisan effort urging President Biden to create a unified national strategy to monitor and combat antisemitism. Additionally, she spoke out in 2022 about the importance of Holocaust education in schools in Virginia and across the country to prevent future incidents of hate. (VPM, 4/28/2022; CBS19, 12/7/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 12/8/2022; Jewish Insider, 12/9/2022)





DEFENDING RETIREES & PUBLIC SERVANTS

President Signs into Law Abigail's Bipartisan Bill to Protect Retirement Benefits for Police Officers & Firefighters

After hearing concerns directly from Virginia's retired police officers, Abigail successfully secured the passage and signing into law of her bill to protect key tax benefits for retired public servants. Her Wally Bunker HELPS Retirees Improvement Act removes the requirement that pension fund distributions must go directly to the insurer to be eligible for tax-free status — and it makes sure that retired first responders can access a critical tax benefit to help cover health and long-term insurance. The law is named after Wally Bunker, a 74-year-old retired police officer living in Culpeper. (Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 5/27/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 12/26/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 1/2/2022)

Abigail Pushes Back Against Efforts to Purge Career Federal Employees

In September 2022, Abigail voted to protect Virginia's federal employees, push back against efforts to revive the "Schedule F" Executive Order, and demonstrate renewed support for America's career public servants. Following the vote, she called the Schedule F Order "a direct attack on the commitment, expertise, and morale of America's career public servants." (Rep. Spanberger, 9/15/2022; Federal News Network, 7/26/2022)

Abigail Leads Effort to Repeal WEP & GPO, Protect Federal Retirees

In 2022, Abigail led the charge — alongside U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13) — to eliminate both the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)

and Government Pension Offset (GPO). These provisions unfairly reduce Social Security benefits for thousands of Virginians who devoted their careers to public service — including police officers, firefighters, federal employees, and teachers. Abigail's Social Security Fairness Act gained more than 300 cosponsors in the U.S. House, showing clear support from Democrats and Republicans alike for fixing this issue of fundamental fairness. (NBC4, 7/29/2022; 8News, 7/29/2022; WTOP, 8/1/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 8/2/2022)

Abigail Secures GAO Review of New Thrift Savings Plan Online System

Abigail has consistently heard from current and retired federal employees in Virginia who are experiencing problems with the new Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) system — including account access, account balances, missing or incomplete information in their accounts, and hours-long customer service wait times. Just two weeks after Abigail led a multi-Member effort pressing the GAO to investigate these functional issues with the new TSP system, the GAO agreed to conduct a comprehensive review of the new system. (Federal News Network, 7/26/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 8/8/2022; Government Executive, 8/12/2022; Federal News Network, 8/9/2022)

COMBATTING ADDICTION & SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



President Signs into Law Abigail's "Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery Act" to Save Lives

In December 2022, President Biden signed into law Abigail's Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act — major legislation to support programs that combat substance use disorder and addiction in Virginia and across the country. This law is named in memory of Summer Barrow, a young Virginian who died of a fentanyl overdose in January 2020. The law provides \$900 million for programs that focus on overdose prevention, first responder training, co-prescribing, and alternatives to opioids in emergency rooms. Abigail introduced the legislation in March 2023 alongside Summer Barrow's family — as well as Virginia law enforcement leaders, community organizations, and recovery advocates. (FOX5, 3/29/2022; CBS6, 3/29/2022; NBC29, 3/29/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 12/30/2022; CBS6, 12/30/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 1/11/2023)



KEEPING VIRGINIA SAFE

President Signs into Law Abigail's Bipartisan Bill to Crack Down on Fentanyl Trafficking

As a former federal agent and CIA case officer who worked narcotics cases and tracked transnational criminal organizations, Abigail worked in 2022 to strengthen America's response to fentanyl coming through the nation's borders and ports of entry. In December 2022, President Biden signed into law her bipartisan legislation — the Securing America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act — requiring the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to focus on developing more effective ways to target and detect illicit fentanyl coming through our southern border. (Fox News, 7/7/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 12/27/2022; NBC29, 12/27/2022; ABC7, 12/28/2022)

Abigail Pushes Bipartisan Gun Violence Prevention Legislation Across the Finish Line

In June 2022, Abigail voted with a bipartisan majority of the U.S. House to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in the wake of horrific

shootings in Buffalo, New York, Uvalde, Texas, and other communities across the country. The legislation was later signed into law by the President. The law includes stronger background check standards, more incentives for states to adopt "red flag laws," and the closing of the "boyfriend loophole," which allowed convicted domestic abusers to purchase a firearm. (MSNBC, 5/26/2022; Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 6/2/2022; Daily Progress, 6/6/2022; CBS News, 6/6/2022; CBS6, 6/6/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 6/24/2022; Washington Post, 6/16/2022)

Abigail Works to Increase Funding for Virginia's Local Police Departments

As a former federal law enforcement officer, Abigail worked throughout 2022 to make sure Virginia's local police departments have the personnel and resources they need to keep the Commonwealth's communities safe. In January 2022, she introduced the bipartisan COPS on the Beat Program Reauthorization and Parity Act, which would significantly increase funding for police departments to recruit and retain trained

officers. Later in the year, the U.S. House passed legislation Abigail helped introduce — the Invest to Protect Act — to make sure smaller police departments have the recruiting and training tools they need. (CBS19, 1/13/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 1/19/2022; NewsNation, 1/20/2022; The Hill, 5/16/2022; 8News, 5/16/2022; NPR, 9/23/2022; WAVY, 9/23/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 9/25/2022; WTOP 9/30/2022)

In Central America, Abigail Works to Combat Transnational Criminal Organizations

Abigail joined a bipartisan, official congressional delegation (CODEL) visit to Central America — including El Salvador and Guatemala — focused on strengthening the security of America's borders and ports of entry, as well as addressing the root causes of illegal migration in the region. (Rep. Spanberger, 8/5/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 8/5/2022)

Abigail Votes to Pass, Attends Signing Ceremony for Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act

Abigail attended the White House ceremony celebrating the signing of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), bipartisan legislation she voted to pass in March 2022 that will improve services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as empower law enforcement to protect Virginia families. (Rep. Spanberger, 3/17/2022)

Abigail Demands Answers on Historic I-95 Backup

After Virginians were stranded for as many as 27 hours on I-95 in early January 2022, Abigail pressed the Commonwealth to complete and release its multi-agency After Action Report on the incident — a request she initially made in the immediate wake of the backup. Following its release in April 2022, Abigail has worked to make sure the Commonwealth is following the report's recommendations to increase preparedness and improve Virginia's emergency response. (Washington Post, 1/5/2022; WTOP, 2/3/2022; NBC4, 2/4/2022; WTOP, 4/4/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 8/29/2022; FOX5, 8/30/2022)

Abigail Presses Biden Administration to Recognize Severity of RSV, Flu Surge in Virginia

In November 2022, Abigail took action when Virginia experienced one of the worst surges of flu and flu-like illnesses in the country. She urged President Joe Biden and HHS leadership to declare a national emergency in response to surging numbers of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and flu patients in hospitals in Virginia and across the country. Additionally, she pressed the CDC for answers about how it was preparing to protect Virginia children and seniors going forward. (NBC12, 10/27/2022; FOX5, 11/30/2022; NBC4, 12/1/2022; 8News, 12/1/2022)



TACKLING SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AND KEEPING AMERICA COMPETITIVE

Abigail Votes with Democrats and Republicans to Strengthen U.S. Semiconductor Production

After advocating for the passage of legislation to keep America competitive with China, Abigail voted to pass the CHIPS and Science Act, which was signed into law in August 2022 by President Biden. The law encourages companies to expand their operations here in the United States, boost research activities, and build new semiconductor plants — creating more jobs. Earlier in the year, Abigail and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) led the Virginia congressional delegation in calling on the U.S. Department of Commerce to prioritize the Commonwealth for future locations of major semiconductor production and research facilities. (8News, 4/8/2022; CBS19, 7/28/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 10/11/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 4/7/2022; Henrico Citizen, 4/21/2022)

Abigail Sounds Alarm on Baby Formula Shortage

Throughout 2022, Abigail was focused on responding to the concerns of Virginia parents and families during the nationwide baby formula shortage — and she called for immediate action from both the Biden Administration and private companies to combat the crisis. In May 2022, she was one of the first Members of Congress to press

the White House to invoke the Defense Production Act to make sure baby formula ingredients could be sent more quickly to American manufacturers — and she also successfully pushed the White House to cut red tape and increase imports of safe formula from abroad. Soon after, Abigail led the introduction of bipartisan legislation to prevent future baby formula shortages. (NPR, 5/12/2022; Bloomberg, 5/12/2022; MSNBC, 5/13/2022; TIME Magazine, 5/17/2022; ABC7, 5/18/2022; NBC29, 5/29/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 6/14/2022)

Abigail Leads Bipartisan Bill to Hire More Truckers, Keep Them on the Road

In 2021, American trucking companies experienced a record deficit of approximately 80,000 drivers due to hiring and retention challenges. This year, Abigail introduced the Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act alongside U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-08). Her bill would help address the ongoing truck driver shortage by establishing a refundable income tax credit for qualified commercial truck drivers. (Rep. Spanberger, 4/1/2022; NBC4, 4/8/2022; WTOP, 4/10/2022; Richmond Times-Dispatch, 5/7/2022; Washington Times, 9/14/2022)

SUPPORTING VIRGINIA'S SERVICEMEMBERS & VETERANS

Abigail's "Computers for Veterans & Students Act" Signed into Law

In December 2022, President Biden signed into law Abigail's bipartisan bill to provide federal surplus and repairable computers to non-profit refurbishers — who will then distribute these computers to veterans in need, as well as students and seniors. Her Computers for Veterans and Students Act cuts red tape, reduces government waste, and puts computers to good use that would otherwise be tossed in the trash or forgotten in a storage unit. Abigail was joined on this legislation by fellow Virginians U.S. Reps. Rob Wittman (R-VA-01) and Elaine Luria (D-VA-02). (Rep. Spanberger 1/2/2023; S&P, 6/15/2022; Culpeper Star-Exponent, 7/13/2022; DC News Now, 1/14/2023)

Abigail Votes to Expand Healthcare Benefits for Toxic-Exposed Veterans

In August 2022, Abigail voted to pass the bipartisan Honoring Our PACT Act, which was signed into law by President Biden. This new law provides expanded benefits to Virginia Veterans who were exposed to toxic substances — including agent orange and burn puts — during their military service. Abigail long worked to make sure generations of Virginia Veterans — including those from the Vietnam War, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 era — have the care they deserve at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). (Culpeper Star-Exponent, 9/30/2022)





President Signs into Law Abigail's Legislation to Investigate Impacts of Jet Fuel Exposure on America's Servicemembers

As part of the Honoring Our PACT Act, President Biden signed into law Abigail's legislation to investigate the long-term, negative health impacts of jet fuel exposure on America's servicemembers. Right now, the VA does not recognize the service connection of this exposure to neurological diseases. Abigail's legislation — drawn from her bipartisan William Collins Jet Fuel Exposure Recognition Act — will help lawmakers take more steps to make sure veterans suffering from these diseases receive the VA support and benefits they deserve. The provision is named after William G. Collins, a U.S. Air Force veteran and Louisa County resident living with Parkinson's. (8News, 7/6/2021; Rep. Spanberger, 8/10/2022)

Abigail Works to Increase Support for Veteran Suicide Prevention

Amid the transition to the universal 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, the U.S. House passed Abigail's legislation to increase federal support to Suicide Prevention Coordinators at the VA. A December 2021 VA report expected a major increase in call volume as a result of the new 9-8-8 number. (Daily Progress, 7/21/2022; NBC29, 7/25/2022)

Abigail Presents Korean War Veteran with Long Overdue Medals

In April 2022, Abigail honored Korean War veteran and Seventh District resident Marcus Tuck by presenting him with the medals he earned for his service overseas nearly 70 years ago. During the Korean War, Mr. Tuck honorably served in the U.S. Army's 'E' Company in the 223rd Infantry Regiment, 40th Division. But until this year, he did not receive the medals he was owed by the U.S. government for his sacrifice and commitment to his country. (Rep. Spanberger, 4/20/2022; 8News, 4/20/2022; ABC7, 4/20/2022; Blackstone Courier-Record, 4/27/2022)

PROTECTING AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY & VALUES

President Signs into Law Abigail's Bipartisan Bill to Combat Cybercrime & Foreign Hackers

In May 2022, President Biden signed into law Abigail's bipartisan bill to improve the federal government's understanding, measurement, and tracking of cybercrime. Her Better Cybercrime Metrics Act will help law enforcement to better identify cyberthreats, prevent attacks, and take on the challenge of cybercrime. Several national law enforcement organizations backed her bill — including the National Fraternal Order of Police. (The Hill, 3/30/2022; CNN, 3/31/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 5/5/2022; NBC29, 5/7/2022; Forbes, 5/5/2022)

Abigail Stands with the People of Ukraine Following Russian Invasion

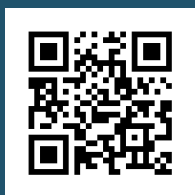
Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Abigail worked with both parties to deliver military aid, economic support, and humanitarian support to the Ukrainian people. She also helped lead bipartisan legislation encouraging the sale of Russian oligarchs' seized assets to support

Ukraine's continued fight for freedom. In response to her efforts, Abigail was sanctioned by the Russian Federation — which she called “a badge of honor.” Additionally, her legislation to strengthen oversight of U.S. assistance to Ukraine was signed into law by the President in December 2022. (PBS, 3/1/2022; MSNBC, 3/16/2022; NBC29, 4/14/2022, Rep. Spanberger, 4/27/2022; FOX5, 5/13/2022; CNN, 12/23/2022; Rep. Spanberger 12/27/2022)

President Signs into Law Abigail's Legislation to Protect Global Internet Freedom

As part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), President Biden signed into law Abigail's bipartisan Internet Freedom and Operations (INFO) Act. This law helps the U.S. government continue to aggressively support efforts to protect internet freedom and circumvent autocratic censorship in countries like Russia, China, Cuba, Burma, and Iran. (Culpeper Star-Exponent, 12/5/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 12/8/2022; Rep. Spanberger, 12/27/2022)





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