



Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

Hello from a chilly week at the General Assembly!



This week I had the pleasure of speaking with the Centreville Immigration forum

Despite the weather, the General Assembly stayed in session and I continued my work on delivering for our district. I am proud to have

already passed 9 of my bills in the Senate. I look forward to sharing updates with you as the rest of my bills move through the legislative process.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District,

Cheers,



Stella Pekarsky

Senator, District 36

Winter Weather Update



Crews remain on 12-hour shifts as we enter the weekend, still concentrating on clearing subdivision streets, but also returning to primaries and high-volume secondaries to widen turn lanes, and clean up intersections. Frigid temperatures remain this weekend until we see a reprieve early next week.

Our response into subdivisions continues. We would like to thank those that have continued to give us reports when more attention has been needed, and we appreciate your patience this week as our crews continue to work from street to street. Assembled teams have been using specialized equipment such as loaders, skid steers, and tractors to help in our response when single plows can't complete the job. Continued single digit overnight temperatures are likely this weekend. In some locations we have dropped sand for added traction. There are more than 14,300 lane miles across the NOVA District including almost 17,000 neighborhood streets. [Find out if your road is maintained by VDOT here.](#)

Stay alert as you travel on primary roads and interstates. There are some locations where merging will be different from what you are accustomed, or lanes may suddenly drop due to banks of snow. We are working on addressing these, especially overnight to keep our crews safe with lower traffic volumes. Make sure you drive slow and allow extra space between vehicles as sudden stoppages are possible. If you come across any hazards on the roadway, please report them to 800-FOR-ROAD or my.vdot.virginia.gov.

VDOT Northern Virginia crews will continue to progress through our lists of area roads requiring additional attention. Rock salt and abrasives will be used as needed as temperatures, conditions, and roads allow.

Stay informed about road conditions by visiting 511.vdot.virginia.gov, using the [free mobile app](#), or calling 511 from any phone in Virginia. If you plan to travel, check the forecast for your whole trip as weather and road conditions can vary across the state.

Follow [@vadotnova](#) and [@NWS_BaltWash](#) for real-time updates!

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Legislative Update

9 Of My Bills Have Passed The Senate:

SB107

SB108

SB109

SB117

SB137

SB169

SB172

SB258

SB492

To see *all* of my filed legislation this session, check out the LIS website!

My Bills

Several Of My Other Bills Have Advanced Through Committee:

SB 126: Deadline Extension for Primary Elections

SB 126
SENATE OF VIRGINIA
3:29 PM

Privileges and Elections

SB 126: Primary election; when filings to be made, extension for incumbents failure to file.

Patron: Stella G. Pekarsky
Motion: Report

YEAS: 9	NAYS: 5	ABS: 0
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Yea ● Carroll Foy	Yea ● Jones	
Nay ● Cifers	Nay ● Jordan	
Yea ● P Deeds	Nay ● Mulchi	
Nay ● DeSteph	Yea ● P Perry	
Yea ● Diggs	Yea ● Rouse	
Nay ● Durant	Yea ● Salim	
Yea ● P Ebbin	Yea ● P Srinivasan	
Hackworth		

Ⓜ indicates vote by proxy.

SB 309: Drivers Ed Curriculum

SB 309

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

8:47 AM

Education and Health

SB 309: Driver education programs; voluntary initiatives for drivers with autism spectrum disorder.

Patron: Stella G. Pekarsky

Motion: Report

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 0 ABS: 0

Yea	Aird	Yea P	Lucas
Yea	Bagby	Yea	Peake
Yea	Boysko	Yea	Pekarsky
Yea	Craig	Yea	Perry
Yea	Durant	Yea P	Pillion
Yea	Favola	Yea	Suetterlein
Yea	Head	Yea	VanValkenburg
Yea	Locke		

indicates vote by proxy.

[SB 493: Click To Cancel](#)

SB 493

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

2:26 PM

General Laws and Technology

SB 493: Consumer protection; automatic renewal or continuous service offers, disclosure and cancellation.

Patron: Stella G. Pekarsky

Motion: Report with amendments

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABS: 6

Abs	Aird	Yea	McPike
Yea P	Carroll Foy	Abs	Pillion
Abs	Craig	Yea	Reeves
Yea	Ebbin	Yea	Roem
Abs	French	Yea	Rouse
Abs	Head	Yea	VanValkenburg
Abs	Jordan	Yea	Williams Graves
Yea	Locke		

indicates vote by proxy.

[Welcome to my Interns!](#)



I am happy to welcome Sophie Atiyeh as an intern in my office this session. Sophie is a freshman at the University of Richmond majoring in Political Science and Leadership Studies. We are excited to be working with her!

Senator Pekarsky's 2026 High School Leadership Program

This year my office hosted an exceptional group of 12 High School juniors and seniors from Fairfax County.

These students had the opportunity to come to Richmond and participate in panels, attend committee hearings, tour the Capitol,

and watch the House and Senate in action.



These Students also had the opportunity to connect with Legislators, lobbyists, journalists, General Assembly staff, and met Lt. Governor Ghazala Hashmi!





Submit Issues to VDOT

VDOT has an online form that you can complete for a list of issues, including needing a road repaired, something removed from the road, a stop sign installation, and other requests. You can find that form [HERE](#).

Contact my Office

If you would like to schedule a meeting during the 2026 Legislative Session, contact our office directly at: senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov

I would love to hear directly from you!

Commending & Memorial Resolutions

Continue to submit your Commending & Memorial Resolution nominations by reaching out to my office directly at: senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov

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As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District

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