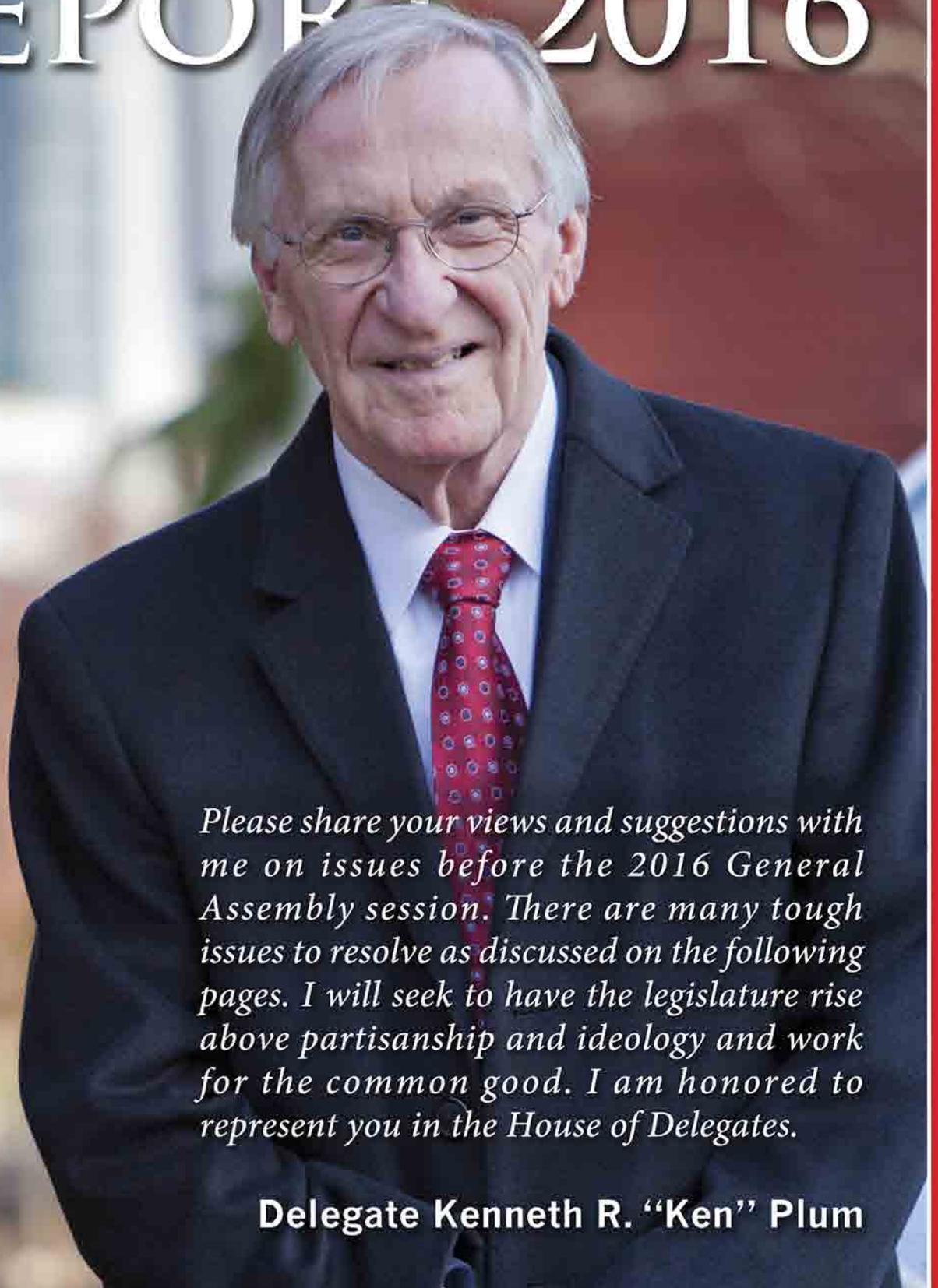


LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2016



Please share your views and suggestions with me on issues before the 2016 General Assembly session. There are many tough issues to resolve as discussed on the following pages. I will seek to have the legislature rise above partisanship and ideology and work for the common good. I am honored to represent you in the House of Delegates.

Delegate Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum

Education

In FY 2014 the average school division in Virginia spent seven percent less to educate each student than it did in FY 2005. Since FY 2009 state funding cuts to localities for education were third highest among the states and cost local governments \$1.7 billion per biennium statewide making current state funding below the FY 2009 level. The Governor has indicated that he will give priority to funding for schools in his budget proposals. I will support the Governor's proposals. A state that is among the top ten in wealth cannot continue to be in the bottom ten for education funding. I will also work to increase funding for preschool programs that are among the best investments governments can make, I will oppose efforts to drain money from public schools to fund charter schools.

Economy and Jobs

Virginia's economic recovery remains sluggish. The Governor has been excellent at marketing Virginia, but investments in higher education, research and develop-

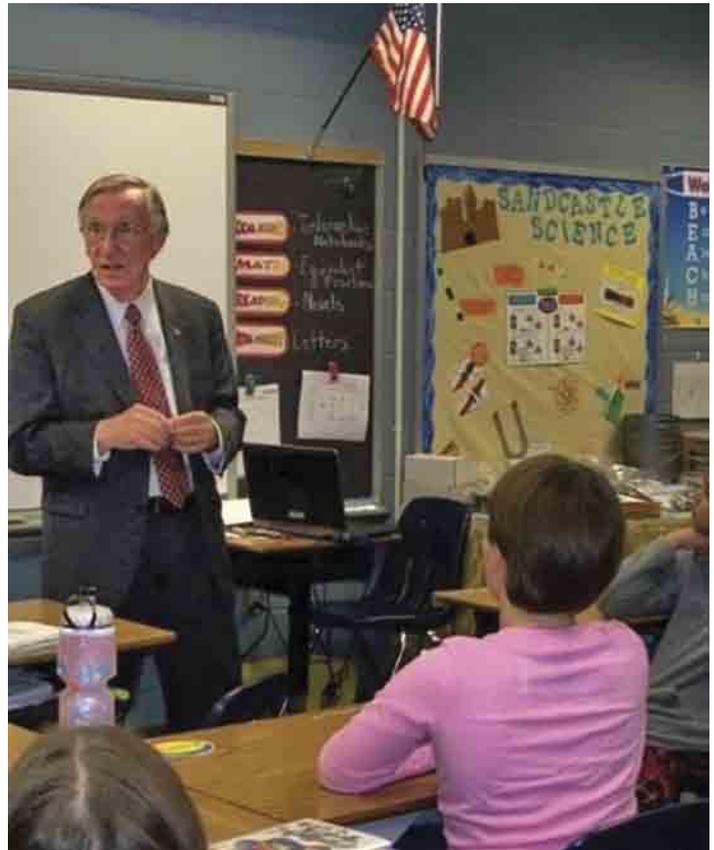


I support the work of advocates to raise the minimum wage and expand health insurance to working families.

ment, and community colleges and workforce training are required. Raising the minimum wage will bring more consumers into the marketplace and reduce reliance on government programs.

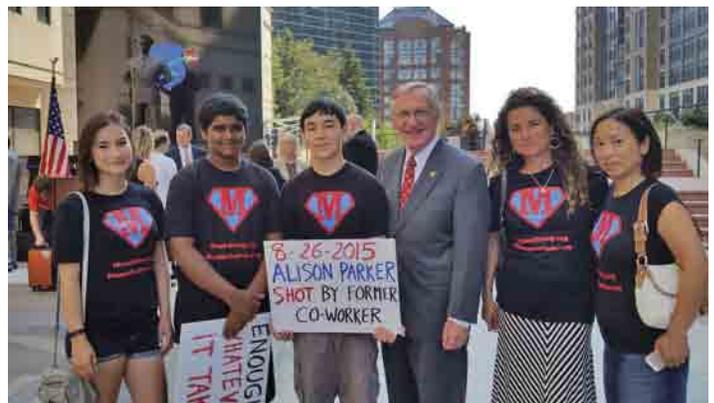
Preventing Gun Violence

Virginia can and must take legislative action to reduce gun violence. Already our state has the dubious



I always enjoy the chance to speak to children in our schools.

distinction of having the largest gun massacre by a single individual at Virginia Tech in 2007 and the first on-camera murders at Smith Mountain Lake this year. Universal background checks for gun purchases will help, and I will introduce a bill this year to require such checks. Returning to a limitation on the number of handguns that can be purchased at one time is important, and I will support legislation to do that. Keeping guns out of the hands of children and those against whom protective orders have been issued are



I was pleased to join members of Moms Rising at a rally to prevent gun violence.

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Winter 2016

Dear Constituent,

I will be heading to the State Capitol in Richmond soon for the annual General Assembly session that is scheduled to start on January 13, 2016. Before I go I wanted to let you know what I will be doing and to ask for your ideas and suggestions.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey inside this newsletter and mail it to me or complete it online at www.kenplum.com.

You can talk with me and Senator Janet Howell at our annual pre-session Public Meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. You do not need to pre-register: just come and tell us what you think about issues of importance to you that might be considered by the General Assembly.

I encourage you to keep up with my work and with Virginia news through my weekly electronic *Virginia E-News*. Subscribe for free on my website, www.kenplum.com. My commentary in the e-newsletter will keep you up to date with my stand on issues. Past editions can be viewed on my website. My commentary also appears weekly in the *Reston Connection* and on the electronic *Reston Now*. Become my friend on Facebook at Kenneth R. Plum. Connect with me on LinkedIn at Delegate Ken Plum. My weekly television show, *Virginia Report*, runs on Reston Comcast 28 (Verizon Channel 1981). Shows are available at vimeo.com/album/1650266 and other videos are available on my YouTube channel at “[kennethrplum](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkennethrplum).”

If you have questions or concerns about issues or programs of state government, please call my office weekday mornings at 703.758.9733 or email me at kenplum@aol.com. We will do all we can to respond to your needs or refer you to others who may be of assistance. I am available after the session to speak to your community or business organization. I work full-time as your delegate.

I am honored to represent you in the House of Delegates. Please contact me whenever I can be of service.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth R. Plum

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equally important. Such legislation will not deny any individual's constitutional rights and will enhance public safety.

Affordable Care Act

Virginia is losing almost five million dollars a day in revenue by refusing to expand Medicaid eligibility that would extend medical care to about 400,000 working Virginians. So far three billion dollars has been lost by citizens who have to go without health care or show up at local hospital emergency rooms when they are very sick. At the same time the lost money is being paid by Virginia taxpayers but is not being returned to the state. The opposition is partisan by individuals who do not like the Affordable Care Act that they refer to as Obamacare. I will do all I can to work out a solution that will end the deadlock and that will help some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Gerrymandering

In elections in 2015 for members of the General Assembly, 79 of 140 candidates had no opposition. Under the current system of drawing legislative district lines, the majority party incumbents select their voters by drawing legislative district lines most favorable for their re-election without regard to communities of interest and local jurisdictional lines. I am introducing a



I believe it is important to push for state level actions that will clean up our air and water and protect our environment.

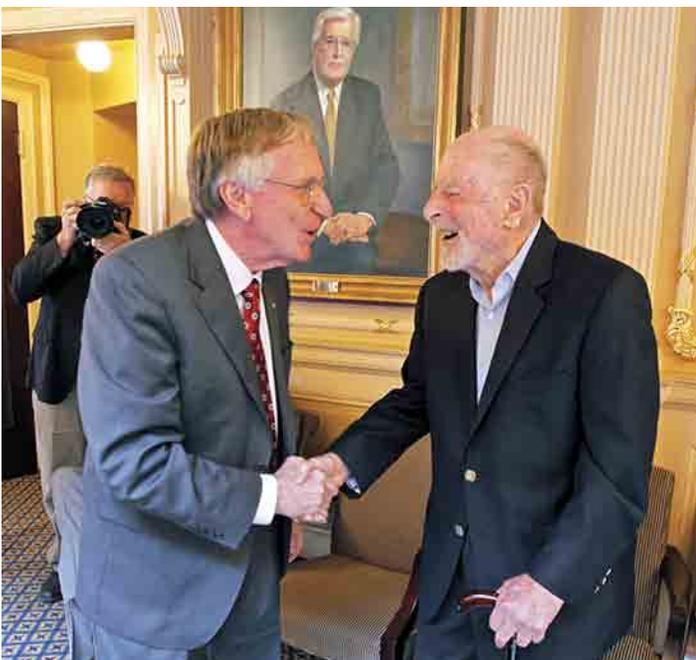
bill once again this year that would move the responsibility for redistricting to an independent non-partisan commission. It is time for voters to pick their representation rather than legislators picking their voters.

Environment

Legislation has already been introduced that would give lawmakers the power to block the implementation of federal climate-change regulations set by the environmental Protection Agency to curb greenhouse gas emissions. Some of the sponsors of the bills are climate-change deniers. I will oppose their efforts and will support state level actions that will clean up our air and water. I support expansion of our state park systems and outdoor education programs.

Transportation

An administration plan to open I-66 to single car drivers during rush hour by paying a toll as is done on the Beltway and I-95 has likely been defeated by candidates in the most recent election who have offered no alternatives. I continue to support the timely completion of the Silver Line and the expansion of bus service to Metro stations. I support the use of technology, optimized traffic signals and flex schedules to maximize the use of our current roadways.



I will miss the wise counsel of Bob Simon. I was privileged to introduce him on the floor of the House of Delegates.

Pre-Session Constituent Survey – 2016

You may complete the survey on-line at www.kenplum.com.

Please indicate whether you support, oppose, are undecided, or need more information on the following issues that are likely to come before the General Assembly:

	Support	Oppose	Undecided	Need more information
Restore funding that has been reduced from public schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce the number of SOL tests administered in the schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand opportunities for preschool education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approve a constitutional amendment to permit charter schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restore funding that has been reduced from colleges and universities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand role of community colleges in workforce training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cap the number of out-of-state students that can be accepted to Virginia colleges and universities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Require background checks for all gun purchases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prohibit guns in public places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish liability for parents for children using guns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender orientation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repeal the non-enforceable “Marriage Amendment” that defines marriage as being only between a man and a woman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand alternatives to incarceration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand mental health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 over three years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase opportunities for early voting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prohibit the use of hand-held cell phones while driving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish an independent, nonpartisan commission to draw legislative boundary lines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prohibit the use of tolls on I-66	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Require General Assembly approval of any state plans to comply with federal environmental regulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide protections for a woman’s right to make reproductive choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eliminate the corporate income tax	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please cut out and complete this survey, then return it to Delegate Plum. Mailing address is noted on page 6.

Please indicate any need for which you think a law should be passed to prohibit or promote that need or issue. In other words, are there specific laws you think the General Assembly should pass or not pass this session?

Do you have any issues with Virginia state government for which you would like to request Delegate Plum's assistance?

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If you would like to receive Delegate Plum's weekly electronic newsletter, *Virginia e-News*, indicate the e-mail address to which you would like the newsletter sent:

Please provide your name and address to help us know that you are a resident of the 36th District so that your opinion will be tabulated:

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Thank you for your response!

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Pre-Session Public Meeting

General Assembly Session 2016

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum with Senator Janet Howell

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Reston Community Center at Lake Anne,
Lake Anne Plaza, Reston

Talk with your elected representatives about issues before the General Assembly.

Pre-registration not required.

Written testimony appreciated but not required. Students welcome.

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Season's Greetings



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From our Home to Yours,
Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
And a Happy and Peaceful
New Year!

Ken & Jane Plum