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### SENATE REPUBLICANS POSITIONED TO RETAIN - AND EXPAND - MAJORITY IN NOVEMBER

RICHMOND, VA, 8 JULY 2015: The leadership of the Virginia Senate Republican Caucus today touted their nominees in the November 3 elections, noting that they are ideally positioned to retain and expand their party's majority in the Senate of Virginia.

"Our Republican nominees have the qualifications, experience, and policy positions that will resonate with Virginians," remarked Senate Majority Leader Thomas K. Norment, Jr. (R-James City). "And because the Democrats brought the Commonwealth to the brink of a budgetary shutdown during their 136 days in the majority last year, Virginians know from experience which caucus can be trusted to run the Senate.

"Our slate of challengers and open seat nominees include business and legal professionals, physicians, and community leaders. Our sixteen incumbents, ten of

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whom are unopposed, have proven records of governing responsibly and effectively. Despite the millions in out-of-state money being raised by Governor McAuliffe to return the General Assembly to gridlock, the quality of our nominees ideally positions our caucus to retain - and to expand - our majority in the Senate of Virginia."

"We are on track to add three new Republican women senators and increase the size of the Senate Republican Caucus to the largest this decade," noted Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Ryan T. McDougle (R-Hanover). "Our nominees are running aggressive campaigns, knocking on doors, attending community events, and delivering their messages directly to the people they will represent."

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ATTACHMENT: List of 2015 Republican Nominees for the Senate of Virginia

**Virginia Senate Republican Caucus**  
**2015 NOMINEES**

DISTRICT	LOCALITIES	CURRENT PARTY	REPUBLICAN NOMINEE	TYPE
1	Hampton, James City, Newport News, Suffolk, Williamsburg, York	D	Mark Matney	Challenger
3	Gloucester, Hampton, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King William, New Kent, Poquoson, Suffolk, Surry and York	R	Tommy Norment	Incumbent
4	Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond County, Spotsylvania, Westmoreland	R	<b>Ryan McDougle</b>	Incumbent
6	Accomack, Mathews, Norfolk, Northampton, Virginia Beach	D	Richard Ottinger	Challenger
7	Norfolk, Virginia Beach	R	Frank Wagner	Incumbent
8	Virginia Beach	R	Bill DeSteph	Open Seat
10	Chesterfield, Powhatan, Richmond City	R	Glen Sturtevant	Open Seat
11	Amelia, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights	R	Amanda Chase	Open Seat
12	Hanover, Henrico	R	Siobhan Dunnavant	Open Seat
13	Loudoun, Prince William	R	Dick Black	Incumbent
14	Chesapeake, Franklin City, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton, Suffolk, Virginia Beach	R	<b>John Cosgrove</b>	Incumbent
15	Brunswick, Campbell, Charlotte, Danville, Dinwiddie, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Prince George	R	<b>Frank Ruff</b>	Incumbent
17	Albemarle, Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Louisa, Orange, Spotsylvania	R	Bryce Reeves	Incumbent
19	Bedford, Carroll, Floyd, Franklin County, Montgomery, Roanoke County, Salem, Wythe	R	David Suetterlein	Open Seat
20	Carroll, Danville, Franklin County, Galax, Halifax, Henry, Martinsville, Patrick, Pittsylvania	R	Bill Stanley	Incumbent
21	Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke City, Roanoke County	D	Nancy Dye	Challenger
22	Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Goochland, Louisa, Lynchburg, Prince Edward	R	<b>Tom Garrett</b>	Incumbent
23	Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Lynchburg, Roanoke County	R	<b>Steve Newman</b>	Incumbent
24	Augusta, Culpeper, Greene, Madison, Rockingham, Staunton, Waynesboro	R	<b>Emmett Hanger</b>	Incumbent

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26	Harrisonburg, Page, Rappahannock, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren	R	Mark Obenshain	Incumbent
27	Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Stafford, Winchester	R	<b>Jill Vogel</b>	Incumbent
28	King George, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland	R	<b>Richard Stuart</b>	Incumbent
29	Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William	D	Hal Parrish	Open Seat
31	Arlington, Fairfax County, Loudoun	D	George Forakis	Challenger
33	Fairfax County, Loudoun	D	Stephen Hollingshead	Challenger
36	Fairfax County, Prince William, Stafford	D	Jerry Foreman	Open Seat
37	Fairfax County	D	Dave Bergman	Challenger
38	Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Montgomery, Norton, Pulaski, Radford, Russell, Smyth, Tazewell, Wise	R	<b>Ben Chafin</b>	Incumbent
39	Alexandria, Fairfax County, Prince William	D	Joe Murray	Challenger
40	Bristol, Grayson, Lee, Scott, Smyth, Washington, Wise, Wythe	R	<b>Bill Carrico</b>	Incumbent

Nominees listed in **bold** will be the sole candidate for Senate of Virginia on the ballot in their respective districts.