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Secretary Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.
Secretary of Finance
Patrick Henry Building
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Secretary Layne,

As we move further into the 2019 legislative session, we and our colleagues in the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses are keenly aware of the General Assembly's responsibility to consider the impacts of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. We appreciate the time you have taken over the past year to inform us of the wide-ranging effects of the significant federal tax changes on more than 4 million Virginians.

The Commonwealth has traditionally conformed to the federal tax code to ease Virginians' tax filing process. With tax season fast approaching, many Virginians and CPAs may soon have to navigate the new federal law, with added complexity and uncertainty. Given this timeline as well as the short legislative session this year, we understand that it is imperative that we address this issue thoroughly and expeditiously.

As such, we would like to respectfully request from your office an estimation of when the Department of Taxation and Virginia taxpayers will first experience the disruption of the current non-conformity of the Virginia tax law to the federal tax code. It is the priority of General Assembly Democrats to remedy the question of conformity before the 2018 tax filings begin.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen Filler-Corn
House Democratic Leader

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Senate Democratic Leader