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UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA

Dear friend,

The best part of my job is when I get to travel around Virginia to hear directly from you about the challenges you're facing, such as access to health care, SNAP cuts, and rising costs, and what I can do to support you in the Senate. I spent some time in Hampton Roads over the past few weeks, and I left feeling more energized to work together to solve the problems I heard about.

I kicked off my travels in **Williamsburg**, where I [held](#) a roundtable discussion at the Peninsula Agency on Aging to talk about the importance of community pharmacies. I heard about challenges with reimbursement through Medicaid and TRICARE and how it's increasingly difficult for these frontline pharmacies to serve their communities. As a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, I've introduced legislation, including the [PBM Fair Act](#) and the [DRUG Act](#), to make medication more accessible, as well as the [Rx ACCESS Act](#) to enhance pharmacy access for active-duty servicemembers and their families. I will continue to work to get these bills passed and stand by our frontline health care providers.



I visited **Norfolk** to [hold](#) a roundtable discussion regarding food insecurity and recent cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Last July, [despite intense opposition from all Senate Democrats](#), including myself,

Republicans made the largest SNAP **cuts in history to fund tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans**. In the aftermath of that grave mistake, I was proud to secure [\\$1.5 million](#) in federal funding to build a new facility for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. However, we must act to reverse these cuts and ensure no family in Virginia goes hungry.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and Ranking Member of the SASC Subcommittee on Seapower, I was excited to [join](#) some of my colleagues from the Virginia congressional delegation at the inaugural Virginia Defense Forum in **Norfolk**. We discussed our efforts to boost military readiness, expand our defense industrial base, and strengthen our alliances, including the Australia-U.K.-U.S. (AUKUS) partnership that Hampton Roads is playing a leading role in supporting. I will keep working to ensure that our armed forces have the resources they need to keep our country safe.



The following week, I returned to **Norfolk** for a meeting with the leaders and members of the Virginia Ship Repair Association. We had a productive discussion about how we can work together to better support the Navy's ship repair needs and discussed potential solutions to address workload issues. I will always support Virginia's shipworkers.

I rounded out my trip in **Chesapeake**, where Senator Mark Warner and I attended a town hall meeting with employees of Dollar Tree. We talked about the **Trump Administration's damaging tariff policies** and other workforce issues.

I'm grateful to everyone who met and shared their stories with me. Your perspectives and commitment to strengthening your communities, even in the face of challenges, continue to inspire and guide my work in the Senate. I will keep fighting for policies that support families, stand by our servicemembers, and invest in the future of Hampton Roads.

I look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about the issues that matter most to you. If you or a loved one needs help with a federal agency, please

reach out to a member of my staff [here](#). If you'd like to receive updates on my work in the U.S. Senate, [sign up here](#) to receive my newsletters and follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Bluesky](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul L." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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