



Fellow Republican Leaders,

This letter is to advise that after much reflection, prayer, and conversations with my family, I will be stepping down as Chairman of The Republican Party of Virginia at the end of the year. While my time as Chairman will soon come to an end, my work on behalf of Virginians will not. I will continue serving in the State Senate, where I remain committed to standing firmly against radical Democratic policies and fighting for a brighter future for every corner of the Commonwealth.

The Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation on October 31, 2025, to destroy our constitutional process for redistricting. The Democrats are intent on setting a State-Wide Referendum for April 2026, which will include 45 days of early voting. As a State Senator, I will be fully engrossed in our legislative session, which lasts from January-March. These will be crucial months that the Chairman of the RPV will need to vigorously lead the fight against the Democrats' blatant Power Grab.

Accordingly, I will be stepping down so that the RPV can elect a new Chairman who will be able to devote their full time, energy, and attention to defeating this Referendum and then leading us to victory in the 2026 U.S. Senate and Congressional races.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Governor Glenn Youngkin, Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, Attorney General Jason Miyares, John Reid, Senate Republican Leader Ryan McDougle, House Republican Leader Terry Kilgore, all our candidates who ran this year, and every Virginia Republican throughout the Commonwealth.

Your support, partnership, and commitment to our shared values have meant more than I can express, and it has been a blessing to serve with each of you.

I want to thank the staff at RPV who helped and supported me during my tenure as Chairman. I especially want to thank everyone who worked so hard during the 2025 Campaigns and devoted so much of their time and energy supporting our candidates.

Furthermore, I want to thank all of you who are involved with RPV for the opportunity to serve as your Chairman. Also, I want to thank each and every one of you for your work supporting our candidates this year.

Finally, while it seems like we are in the cold, dark depths of winter right now (we are), I am supremely confident that Republicans will continue to fight for the values embodied in the Republican Creed, which can lead us to a victorious spring. Our ideas are strong, our voters are energized, and our mission – to secure a freer, safer, more prosperous Virginia – endures. I believe that the foundations of our party remain strong, and that this organization is filled with passionate individuals who have proven their loyalty to our Commonwealth and to the conservative movement.

It has been an honor to serve. To every Virginia Republican, thank you for the trust you placed in me and for your unwavering dedication to Virginia's future.

Senator Mark J. Peake