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Statements of Speaker William J. Howell and Majority Caucus Chairman Samuel A. Nixon, Jr.

-- On Letter from Over 25 Virginia Business Groups to
Virginia's Congressional Delegation on Unemployment Insurance --

RICHMOND, VA – Recognizing the economic hardships and financial struggles of Virginia's unemployed, Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) and House Republican Majority Caucus Chairman Samuel A. "Sam" Nixon, Jr. (R-Chesterfield) today issued the following statements on a letter sent this morning and signed by more than 25 statewide and local business organizations throughout the Commonwealth to all 13 members of Virginia's congressional delegation as well as Governor Kaine and various leaders in the Virginia General Assembly:

"I applaud Virginia's business leaders for calling on our representatives in the U.S. Congress do their part to protect and create jobs in Virginia," remarked **Speaker Howell**. "With the many positive steps already taken this year by the General Assembly to assist unemployed Virginians during this recession, our federal leaders – especially those in the majority party in Washington – should strongly consider the counsel of job-creating business leaders. If the prohibitive provisions of the federal stimulus package that would raise the tax on every job in Virginia were removed, more unemployed workers could receive added assistance during this economic crisis without inhibiting long-term job creation. It is my sincere hope that our congressional delegation will work constructively and cooperatively to eliminate these onerous restrictions, heeding the calls from those businesses that will create the jobs necessary to hasten our economic recovery."

"The economic challenges we face are real, and Virginians expect comprehensive solutions and a balanced, long-term approach to address these problems – not higher costs on businesses and more government," noted **Delegate Nixon**, who also is a member of the Virginia Commission on Unemployment Compensation. "Like so many, I believe the best unemployment program is employment for the citizens of Virginia. Business leaders and fair-minded Virginians understand that taking the responsible action outlined in today's letter by a broad spectrum of Virginia business organizations would further help unemployed Virginians without harming job-creation. The Speaker and I are proud to add our support to the impressive list of organizations and individuals, including Bob McDonnell, who have called for sensible changes in the federal legislation."

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