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REGIONAL ACTION ON CLIMATE WITH LOCAL BENEFITS
Joining RGGI will reduce carbon emissions from power plants at the fastest rate in the South. This market-based approach will allow the Commonwealth to address both the causes and impacts of climate change while making critical investments in programs that can benefit all Virginians.

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INVESTING IN VIRGINIA’S ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Virginia should enact robust, new policies that increase energy efficiency in the Commonwealth and empower local governments to impose stronger measures within their jurisdictions. Failing to improve energy efficiency will burden our citizens, health, environment and economy for decades.

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BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO SOLAR IN OUR COMMUNITIES
Building solar in Virginia’s communities makes sense for the Commonwealth. A combination of new incentives, removing barriers, and protecting customers’ rights to access renewable energy will create a robust market for local, clean energy. Increasing the amount of distributed generation in Virginia will contribute to building a more resilient grid and support a larger transition to renewable energy.

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IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE GRID TRANSFORMATION
The SB 966 provides utilities with the opportunity to overhaul the Commonwealth’s energy infrastructure, but we need to be vigilant to make sure that these electric distribution grid transformation projects are implemented effectively in order to reduce carbon output, empower customers, and prepare Virginia for the future.

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OFFSHORE WIND: MADE IN VIRGINIA
Full development of both the CVOW pilot project and the commercial lease area are critical for the Commonwealth. Offshore wind not only addresses the threat of climate change, it also acts as a major economic driver. Virginia’s policymakers should embrace the opportunity to be a national leader on renewable energy and job creation.

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DRILLING OFF VIRGINIA’S COAST: NOT WORTH THE RISK
Drilling off Virginia’s coast is incompatible with vibrant, clean beaches and healthy coastal habitat and resources as well as the communities and economies that depend on them. Virginia should seek to protect our coast through both administrative and legislative actions.

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TRANSITIONING TO VIRGINIA’S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE
Climate change is one of the most pressing problems facing the Commonwealth. Virginia must reduce its carbon output by reducing energy use, increasing clean generation, and closing existing fossil fuel facilities. Fortunately, we can achieve 100% clean energy while ensuring reliability, growing the economy, and protecting low-income families.

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EXPANDING THE CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY
Virginia should invest more in the clean energy economy in order to meet Virginia’s energy demands completely with clean energy and spur job growth in the Commonwealth. As more businesses relocate to Virginia with pledges to power their companies by clean energy – such as Amazon’s pledge to use 100% renewables - we must be equipped with the clean energy workforce in the Commonwealth.

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