



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine

**VIA:** Wayne M. Turnage, Chief of Staff

**FROM:** L. Preston Bryant, Jr., Secretary of Natural Resources 

**SUBJECT:** Governor's Commission on Climate Change; transmittal of Final Report, per Executive Order 59 (2007)

Attached is the Final Report of the Governor's Commission on Climate Change.

The Commission was established per Executive Order 59 (2007). The panel met from February to December 2008. Meetings were held around the state, and the Commission received a great deal of public input.

The Commission was charged with assessing the likely impacts of climate change on Virginia's natural resources, economy, and public health, as well as proposing strategies to meet your goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Virginia by 30% of their projected 2025 levels.

The Commission worked diligently to assess the impacts of climate change on Virginia and its citizens. We also have concluded that should certain recommendations be implemented, then your greenhouse gas-reduction goal can indeed be met.

The Commission has forwarded you approximately 100 recommendations for your consideration. Some recommendations can be implemented by Executive authority; some necessarily would require General Assembly approval; and some can only be considered and implemented by the federal government, though the Commonwealth may wish to express its support of them.

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Please note that Appendix B is the Commission's Interim Report, which was first released on September 10, 2008. The Interim Report contains a great deal of information that was presented to the Commission over the first six months of its work. I am sure that you will find that information insightful.

I speak for all Commission members in expressing our gratitude to you for assembling this panel and giving it such a worthy charge.

LPBJr/cbd

Attachment

c: Brian M. Shepard, Policy Director