

## 2022 NVAN Priorities

### LEGISLATIVE

- **Permanently allow electronic meetings and virtual participation in meetings of all public bodies under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.**
- **Make permanent the tenant eviction protections in place during Virginia's state of emergency throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.**

### BUDGET

- **Appropriate \$600,000 to VICAP (Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program) to increase free insurance counseling for Medicare beneficiaries and those eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.**
- **Ensure nursing home accountability through staffing standards to enhance quality of care and infection prevention, supported by dedicated funding.**
- **Require employers to provide at least ten days of paid sick leave for all workers, including direct care workers in nursing homes, assisted living, and home care.**

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### CONTINUING CONCERNS

- **Require that nursing homes and assisted living facilities employ a full-time infection preventionist and maintain an accessible inventory of appropriate personal protective equipment.**
- **Appropriate full funding needed (\$1,832,941) to bring the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program up to the state and national standard.**
- **Expand and replicate the Northern Virginia RAFT program (Regional Older Adult Facilities Mental Health Support Team) to enhance its provision of community-based care for adults (65+) with severe mental illness or dementia with difficult behaviors.**
- **Expand the Livable Home Tax Credit from \$1 million to \$1.5 million per year; create a Livable Home Grant Program at \$1 million per year for lower income homeowners.**
- **Enact legislation for mentally capable, terminally ill adults to request Medical Aid in Dying.**
- **Direct the Department of Corrections to develop a plan to meet the specialized needs of incarcerated older adults and a Geriatric Reentry Assistance for Transitions Program.**
- **Support additional funding for the Virginia Public Guardianship Program.**

### ABOUT NVAN

**NVAN** includes the Commissions on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging of Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, as well as regional service and advocacy organizations.

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