How Legislators Made the Grade:

Ahead of the 2023 General Assembly session, Virginia Organizing developed four legislative priority areas for the upcoming year: 1) school funding; 2) housing; 3) mental health; and, 4) energy burden. In addition to those priority areas, Virginia Organizing also supports efforts to make our state income tax structure more progressive, protect abortion access, and increase investments in childcare access and affordability.

During the 2023 General Assembly session, we supported bills that met those priorities and opposed bills that undermined them. You can read more about those priorities and the bills on the reverse side.

From dozens of bills, we selected 19 with which to evaluate our representatives. Not all of the representatives we scored voted on each of the bills, because not all of the bills made it to the House or Senate floor for a full vote. On the reverse side, you can see whether this representative supported or opposed the bills they did have a say on.

We totaled those voting opportunities and then divided that number by the number of times they supported our position on a bill. This number is the score you see on the right. If a representative patroned a bill we supported, then we added one point to their score as “extra credit.” If they were a chief patron, we added two points. And if they patroned a bill we opposed, we subtracted a point. For a fuller picture of our scorecard and this process, you can use the QR code below to visit our website.

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In 2021, the Supreme Court of Virginia drew new maps for congressional and state legislative districts. These new maps take effect this year for the upcoming elections. Many of our representatives will now be running in new districts. And in some new districts, incumbents will face each other in primaries. At right is a map of the new district for this representative.