

WRONG FOR VIRGINIA

THE STORY OF HOW OBAMA'S POLICIES
FAILED THE COMMONWEALTH



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OBAMANOMICS: WRONG FOR VIRGINIA

Unemployed: Virginia Has 255,343 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/18/12)

Failed Stimulus Jobs: Since The Stimulus Passed, Virginia Has Lost 25,300 Construction Jobs And 20,700 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/18/12)

Median Household Income: Under Obama, Median Household Income In Virginia Has Declined From \$63,974 To \$61,882. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 10/18/12)

National Debt: Since Obama Took Office, Each Virginians Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,029 To A Total Of \$52,448. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 10/18/12)

College Tuition: The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Virginia Has \$24,717 Of Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 10/18/12)

Tax Hikes: Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Virginia 19,900 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Virginia \$5.8 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

Gas Prices: Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Virginia Has Increased From \$1.703 To \$3.566. ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 9/22/12)

Food Stamps: Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Virginia Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 48 Percent. ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 10/18/12)

Poverty: Under Obama, 137,883 More People In Virginia Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR VIRGINIA

Stephen Fuller, Director Of The Center Of Regional Analysis At George Mason University: Defense Cuts Are Virginia's "Achilles' Heel." "Virginia is more vulnerable to this kind of policy shift than any other state. ... Defense spending was our strength during the downturn. It kept unemployment lower here than in most other states. It kept the economy from crashing as far as other states.' It's also our Achilles' heel." (Rosalind S. Helderman, "Virginia Stands To Feel The Most Pain From Defense Cuts," [The Washington Post](#), 8/10/10)

- **13.9 Percent Of Virginia's State GDP Relies On Military Spending.** "Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska may suffer the most economic harm from defense cuts of as much as \$1 trillion during the next decade, a Bloomberg Government study shows. Those three states are the most dependent on U.S. military spending, the study found. Virginia, home of the Pentagon and the Norfolk naval base, tops the list with 13.9 percent of its gross domestic product derived from defense spending." (David Lerman, "Military Cuts Threaten Defense-Dependent States," [Bloomberg](#), 11/17/11)
- **According To The Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, Defense Spending Supported Nearly 1 In 5 Virginia Jobs.** "DoD contributed 18.9% of Virginia jobs." (Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, "[Defense Spending In Virginia](#)," 1/18/12)
- **Defense Spending Directly Supports 187,000 Virginia Jobs And 900,000 Overall.** "DoD was Virginia's number one direct employer (187,000 workers) ... DoD spending supported more than 900,000 jobs ... Mostly highly-skilled workers making above mean salaries." (Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, "[Defense Spending In Virginia](#)," 1/18/12)

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Study Found That Relocation Of Three Navy Ships Would Cost Virginia 5,220 Jobs. “Three Navy ships leaving Hampton Roads for Mayport Naval Station in Florida will take with them paychecks, repair work and spending power that add up to 5,220 jobs and \$590 million of the region's annual gross product, according to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.” (Bill Bartel, “Moving Navy Ships Will Take A Financial Toll, Study Finds,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 6/21/12)

- **Three Navy Ships From The Norfolk Naval Station Are Being Relocated Earlier Than Planned According To Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus.** “Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced Friday that the ships, which were due to relocate to Mayport in 2015, will be going south much sooner. The New York, an amphibious transport dock ship, will leave in 2013. The following year, the amphibious assault ship Iwo Jima and the Fort McHenry, a dock landing ship, will depart.” (Bill Bartel, “Moving Navy Ships Will Take A Financial Toll, Study Finds,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 6/21/12)
- **Naval Ship Relocation Would Cost 3,420 Virginia Jobs Related To Ship Maintenance And Would Also Reduce Local Spending On Goods.** “About 1,800 of the jobs are held by sailors aboard the ships, according to the commission. The others will come from ship maintenance work and the trickle-down effect of less money being spent on goods and services by the crews, the Navy and the military contractors.” (Bill Bartel, “Moving Navy Ships Will Take A Financial Toll, Study Finds,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 6/21/12)

In 2011, “Obama Announced That He Accepted U.S. Secretary Of Defense Robert Gates’s Plan To Shut Down The Joint Forces Command In Norfolk And Suffolk.” “President Barack Obama approved the closure of the Joint Forces Command Thursday night despite repeated requests by Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell and the state’s congressional delegation to salvage the military installation employing more than 6,000 in Hampton Roads. In a brief memo from the White House, Obama announced that he accepted U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates’s plan to shut down the Joint Forces Command in Norfolk and Suffolk. No date was given for the closure.” (Anita Kumar, “Updated: Obama Okays Closure Of Joint Forces Command,” [The Washington Post’s Virginia Politics](#) Blog, 1/6/11)

In August 2011, The Joint Forces Command Was Formally Dissolved. “The ceremony to disband the Norfolk-based command took place at JFCOM’s Suffolk campus. It was a moment of history - the first time a Defense Department combatant command has been dissolved - and it brought out top leaders, including Adm. Mike Mullen, outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.” (Hugh Lessig, “JFCOM’S Functions Remain,” *Daily Press*, 8/5/11)

- **1,900 Positions Were Eliminated.** “About 1,900 positions in Hampton Roads were eliminated, although hundreds are expected to find other jobs.” (“Year In Review: Military,” *Daily Press*, 12/24/11)
- **Three Virginia Mayors, Including Paul Fraim (D-Norfolk) Opposed Closure Of JFCOM.** “On August 9, the Secretary Of Defense announced that he had recommended to you that U.S. Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) should be closed. We write to express our opposition to his proposal, and request that you reject the Secretary’s recommendation.” (William Sessoms, Mayor Of Virginia Beach, Linda Johnson, Mayor Of Suffolk, Paul Fraim, Mayor Of Norfolk, Letter To President Obama, 8/13/10)
- **“Sen. James Webb, A Former Navy Secretary, Said The Proposal Could Be ‘Harmful To The Capabilities Of The Finest Military In The World.’”** (Rosalind S. Helderman, “Virginia Stands To Feel The Most Pain From Defense Cuts,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/10/10)

Obama’s Sequestration Would Cost Virginia An Additional 13,191 Jobs

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Virginia Losing 136,191 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **“Under Sequestration, 22,428 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security

Virginia's Total Job Losses Could Exceed 207,571. "Virginia's total job losses projected by the study — 207,571 — are second only to California, where the GMU study suggests 225,464 jobs would vanish. But California's population of nearly 37.7 million is more than four times that of Virginia's." ("Sequestration, 'Today A Political Football, Would Cripple Virginia's Economy If It Happens,'" [The Associated Press](#), 8/12/12)

- **Sequestration Could Cost Virginia \$10.6 Billion In Lost Labor Income.** "Tim Kaine came to Merrifield today to hear defense contractors' fears about sequestration, the 'fiscal cliff' that could cost Virginia 207,000 jobs and \$10.6 billion in lost labor income if Congress does not resolve its budget impasse." (James R. Hood, "Kaine Gets An Earful From Defense Contractors," [Fairfax News](#), 8/17/12)

Virginia Businesses Are "At Risk" Under Obama's Sequestration

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Virginia Losing 65,000 Small Business Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

"With At Least 9% Or Sequestration's 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, Virginia's Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **"From 2000-2011, 14,055 Virginia Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America's National Defense."** From 2000-2011, 14,055 Virginia businesses provided goods and services for America's national defense. In 2011, many Virginia businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 1,025 minority-owned businesses, including 371 owned by Black Americans, 183 owned by Hispanic Americans, 66 owned by Native Americans, 226 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 179 owned by other minority Americans." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

"Virginia Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$9.87 Billion – Each Year."

"Virginia defense prime contractors earned over \$54.85 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration – starting in 2013. Virginia defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$9.87 billion – each year." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **"Virginia Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Many Companies That Could Be Hurt By Sequestration Research Everything From A Cure For Cancer To Technology To Help Locate IEDs.** "John Jumper, a former Air Force chief of staff and current chief executive of McLean-based Science Applications International Corp., or SAIC, said affected contractors hire a substantial number of veterans each year. Many of the companies that would be hurt by the cuts research everything from a cure for cancer to new technology to locate improvised explosive devices, or IEDs." (Jason Spencer, "Northern Virginia's Top Contractors: Cuts Would Be 'Devastating,'" [Ashburn Patch](#), 7/30/12)
- **Small-to Mid-Sized Companies That Could Be Affected Generate The "Entrepreneurial Innovation" That Larger Firms Use To Recruit And Advance; Defense Cuts Would Devastate The "Innovation Pipeline."** "Further, small- to mid-sized companies generate much of the 'entrepreneurial innovation' that larger firms later recruit or advance, said Brad Antle, CEO of Fairfax-based Salient Federal Solutions and chairman of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, which represents about 1,000 companies. Proposed defense cuts would hit these companies harder and devastate the 'innovation pipeline,' he said." (Jason Spencer, "Northern Virginia's Top Contractors: Cuts Would Be 'Devastating,'" [Ashburn Patch](#), 7/30/12)

Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia's Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$840,101,194 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Women Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia's Women Owned Businesses Would Lose \$342,968,894 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Minority Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia's Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,644,804,249 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia's Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$475,359,780 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia's Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$572,805,477 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Obama's Sequestration Will "Drive The Economy" In Virginia "Into A Recession"

With Sequestration, "15% Of Virginia's Jobs Will Disappear- Enough To Drive The Economy Into A Recession In 2013." "With the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in DOD spending at local shipyards and airfields, 15% of Virginia's jobs will disappear- enough to drive the economy into a recession in 2013." (Laurie Simmons, "\$500 Billion In Cuts To Pentagon From 'Sequestration' Comes Under Fire," [WTKR News Channel 3](#), 5/15/12)

- **"A Statewide Recession Is Likely" In Virginia If Sequestration's "Devastating" Cuts Take Effect.** "If Congress doesn't stop \$1 trillion in automatic budget reductions set to begin unrolling in January, Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia will see such dramatic cutbacks that a statewide recession is likely, a public policy expert warned Monday night. Professor Stephen Fuller of George Mason University told more than 500 people at a congressional listening session that the deep cuts, including about \$500 billion in defense cuts, would be 'devastating,' given that 10 cents of every defense dollar is spent in the commonwealth. 'These would be enough to drive the economy into a recession in 2013,' Fuller said, noting that 20 percent of all the jobs in Virginia are dependent on military spending." (Bill Bartel, "Defense Cuts Would Cripple Va. Economy, Leaders Warn," [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 5/15/12)

Brett Vassey, President And CEO Of Virginia Manufacturers Association, Warned That Sequestration Will Have A "Chilling Economic Effect" Across Virginia. "In a statement, VMA President and CEO Brett Vassey said defense cuts will be felt deeply across the commonwealth, not just in Northern Virginia and Hampton where many defense contractors are based. 'It's not just the impact on the Tier 1 defense contractors; it's the 'rolling boulder' down through the Tier 2 and Tier 3 suppliers as well as the chilling economic effects on these companies and the communities in which they operate that is potentially devastating - we are sacrificing industrial capacity due to an inability to prioritize federal spending,' he said." ("Defense Cuts Could Cost Virginia 115,000 Jobs, Trade Group Says," [Virginia Business](#), 6/21/12)

OBAMA'S LACK OF AN ENERGY PLAN *DIDN'T* WORK FOR VIRINIA

Coal

According To The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity, EPA Regulations Are Forcing 16 Coal Units In Virginia To Be Retired Or Converted, Resulting In The Retiring Or Converting Of 2,518 Megawatts Of Electricity. ("Coal Retirements As Of September 2012," [The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity](#), Accessed

In Virginia, Coal Generates 30 Percent Of The Electricity, Provides Power For Up To One Million Homes And 58,000 Businesses, And Employs More Than 45,000 People. “Coal provides 30 percent of Virginia’s electricity — some 20.2 billion kilowatts, according to the Energy Information Administration. That’s enough to power 1 million homes and 58,000 businesses. Virginia ranks 12th in the nation in coal production, EIA said. Direct and indirect employment from coal mining account for 45,210 jobs and a combined payroll of \$3.4 billion.” (Kenric Ward, “Climate Regulations Leaving Virginia Coal Out In The Cold,” [The Examiner](#), 8/12/12)

Southwest Virginia’s “Largest Employers Are Simply Cross-Eyed And Confused” About EPA Regulations. “It could be costly and complicated, and it could curtail business. But mostly, some of the region’s largest employers are simply cross-eyed and confused about what pending federal pollution mandates will mean for doing business in Southwest Virginia.” (Annie Johnson, “Seeking Clarity On Pollution Rules,” [Blue Ridge Business Journal](#), 1/20/12)

- **Southwest Virginia Businesses Say EPA Has Been “Unclear” About Specific Impact Of Regulations.** “But the depth and the breadth of that effect and its relative cost to consumers hasn’t yet been calculated by a sampling of regional firms. That’s because those companies feel the EPA has been unclear about how several rules – including the so-called ‘tailoring rule,’ which would exclude small companies from compliance – will be implemented and enforced.” (Annie Johnson, “Seeking Clarity On Pollution Rules,” [Blue Ridge Business Journal](#), 1/20/12)
- **By Allowing States To Define Many Specifics, EPA Regulations “Make Matters More Complicated.”** “To make matters more complicated, the EPA has given states the power to decide on an individual basis which ‘best available’ pollution control technology can be used to curb emissions, technology that is ‘exotic’ and ‘expensive,’ [chairman of the environmental group at Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore Charlie] Williams said.” (Annie Johnson, “Seeking Clarity On Pollution Rules,” [Blue Ridge Business Journal](#), 1/20/12)

American Electric Power Co. Will Close One Unit At Its Clinch River Plant And Will Shutter Its Glen Lyn Plant By 2014. “About 500,000 tons of coal a year are burned at the Clinch River plant, an aging Appalachian Power Co. facility that has been producing electricity since Dwight Eisenhower occupied the White House. The fate of this 53-year-old power plant, and others like it across the country, could soon be determined by new regulations proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ... American Electric Power Co., the parent company of Appalachian, says the rules would force it to shut one unit at the Clinch River plant and convert the remaining two to burn natural gas instead of coal. The second coal-burning facility that Appalachian runs in Southwest Virginia, the Glen Lyn plant in Giles County, would be shut down completely by 2014.” (Laurence Hammack, “Power Or Poison? EPA Rules Could Limit Coal-Fueled Plants’ Emissions,” [Roanoke Times](#), 10/9/11)

- **The Closures Will Increase Electricity Rates From 10-15 Percent And Cost 80 Area Jobs.** “The closures and conversions could mean a 10 percent to 15 percent increase in electricity rates, Appalachian has said – adding another twist to the conflict between coal and clean air. ... About 80 power plant jobs would be lost to the regulations in the 9th District.” (Laurence Hammack, “Power Or Poison? EPA Rules Could Limit Coal-Fueled Plants’ Emissions,” [Roanoke Times](#), 10/9/11)

CONSOL Energy Has Idled Its Buchanan Mine And May Idle Another, Leading Officials To Worry About A Potential \$2 Million Hit Against Revenues. “CONSOL Energy said global market conditions led to the idling of one of its two Virginia coal mines – the Buchanan Mine complex near Oakwood in Buchanan County – and could result in the idling of another. The decision has Buchanan County officials worried, because it could mean a \$2 million hit against the county’s 2012-13 budget revenues.” (Mike Still, “Global Market Conditions Idles CONSOL Mine,” [TriCities](#), 9/5/12)

- **CONSOL Energy Is Responding To “Weak Market Conditions” In Idling The Mine.** “CONSOL

Energy is responding to weak market conditions throughout its export markets in Asia, Europe and South America,” the company said in a written announcement of the decision. The Buchanan Mine – CONSOL’s only mine in the county – produces about 400,000 tons monthly of metallurgical-grade coal for steel production. According to information on CONSOL’s website, Buchanan set a company record for coal production in 2011 with 5.7 million tons mined that year.” (Mike Still, “Global Market Conditions Idles CONSOL Mine,” [TriCities](#), 9/5/12)

- **The Idling Has Led CONSOL To Furlough 606 Employees.** “CONSOL spokeswoman Cathy St. Clair said Tuesday that the company has furloughed 606 employees at the Buchanan complex. The complex’s preparation plant will retain six employees while another 160 salaried employees and 11 mine rescue team members will stay on the job, St. Clair said.” (Mike Still, “Global Market Conditions Idles CONSOL Mine,” [TriCities](#), 9/5/12)

Dominion Virginia Power Has Plans To Shut Down Coal-Fired Plants In Yorktown And Chesapeake. “Dominion Virginia Power, another major electric utility serving Virginia, also plans to shut down its coal-fired plants at Yorktown and Chesapeake. The two facilities have a combined capacity to generate 1,189 megawatts.” (Kenric Ward, “Climate Regulations Leaving Virginia Coal Out In The Cold,” [The Examiner](#), 8/12/12)

Alpha Natural Resources Announced It’s Eliminating 1,200 Jobs, Nearly A Tenth Of Its Work Force. “Coal producer Alpha Natural Resources said Tuesday it’s cutting production by 16 million tons and eliminating 1,200 jobs companywide, including 400 with the immediate closing of eight mines in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The mine shutdowns start Tuesday, while the rest of the layoffs will be completed by the end of the first quarter after Alpha fulfills current sales obligations, Chief Executive Officer Kevin Crutchfield said. In all, the layoffs amount to nearly a tenth of Alpha’s 13,000-person work force.” (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

- **“Closing Four Mines In West Virginia, Three In Virginia, And One In Pennsylvania,” Miners Will Be Either Reassigned Or Laid Off Immediately, And Support Positions Will Also Be Cut Proportionally.** “Alpha said it is closing four mines in West Virginia, three in Virginia and one in Pennsylvania. They are a mix of deep and surface mines. All the mines being closed are non-union operations. Alpha didn’t immediately name the mines because they wanted to inform all the workers first. Though some miners will stay on to seal the operations, most will either be reassigned or laid off immediately. Support positions will also be cut proportionally as Alpha reduces its operating regions from four to two, Crutchfield said, and two executives will retire Nov. 1.” (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)
- **“The Virginia Mines Are Guest Mountain Deep Mines No. 8 And No. 9 Near Norton, And The Twin Star Surface Mine Near Hurley.”** (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

GenOn Energy’s Coal-Fired Power Plant In Alexandria, Virginia Was Shut Down. “A coal-fired power plant in Alexandria that has drawn the scorn of environmentalists for decades is about to be shut down. The GenOn Power Plant will close Monday under an agreement between city officials and Houston-based GenOn Energy.” (“Coal-Fired Power Plant In Alexandria Is Poised To Close, Pleasing Local Officials,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/30/12)

- **The Plant “Has Been Forced To Scale Back Its Operations In Recent Years To Comply With The Clean Air Act.”** “The plant opened in 1949 and has been forced to scale back its operations in recent years to comply with the Clean Air Act. GenOn will get back about \$32 million the city had held in escrow to use for environmental controls under an agreement signed in 2008, the AP reports.” (“Coal-Fired Power Plant In Alexandria Is Poised To Close, Pleasing Local Officials,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/30/12)

Former Rep. Rick Boucher (D-VA): EPA Regulations And Other Factors Have “Put The Coal Industry In A Very Difficult Position.” “I tend to think the EPA regulations are a minor part of the

equation,' Boucher said. 'But the sum total has put the coal industry in a very difficult position.'" (Fredrick Kunkle, "Woes In Virginia Coal Fields, Energy Policy Move To Fore In U.S. Senate Race," [The Washington Post](#), 9/23/12)

Virginia State Sen. Phillip Puckett (D-Lebanon): "It's Very Clear To Me That The Administration Does Not Support The Coal Industry In A Way That's Beneficial To Our Area. So, I Don't Plan To Support President Obama For Re-Election." (George Jackson, "VA Sen. Phillip Puckett Says He Will Not Support Obama In 2012," [WIHL](#), 9/22/11)

- **Puckett: In Southwest Virginia, "The Story Here Is Coal."** "'The story here is coal,' said state Sen. Phillip P. Puckett (D-Russell County), who admits the regulatory and economic climate has made life tricky for his party. But Puckett said Kaine also has performed better than most Democrats in southwest Virginia." (Fredrick Kunkle, "Woes In Virginia Coal Fields, Energy Policy Move To Fore In U.S. Senate Race," [The Washington Post](#), 9/23/12)
- **Puckett: "He Doesn't Listen To Me, And Quite Frankly He Wasn't My Choice For The Democratic Nomination."** (George Jackson, "VA Sen. Phillip Puckett Says He Will Not Support Obama In 2012," [WIHL](#), 9/22/11)

Offshore Drilling

In 2010, The Obama Administration Upended Virginia's Plans To Be The First Atlantic Coast State To Permit Offshore Drilling. "The pursuit of oil and natural gas off Virginia's coast, gaining momentum two months ago, came to an abrupt halt Thursday as President Barack Obama clamped down on the offshore drilling industry. Obama said he will cancel lease sales planned off Virginia and in the western Gulf of Mexico, continue a ban on new deepwater oil drilling permits for six months, and delay a lease sale off Alaska. ... Canceling the Virginia lease sale upends Gov. Bob McDonnell's effort to make Virginia the first Atlantic coast state to permit offshore drilling." (Cory Nealon, "Va. Drilling Plans Dealt New Setback," [Daily Press](#), 5/28/10)

And In 2011, The Obama Administration Excluded Virginia And The Rest Of The Eastern Seaboard From New Leases. "The Obama administration's new five-year plan for offshore oil and gas drilling includes lease sales in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Alaska but will not offer leases for drilling off Virginia or other parts of the eastern United States." (Steve Mufson, "Offshore Drilling Plan Excludes Virginia," [The Washington Post](#), 11/8/11)

- **The Announcement Signaled A "Step Back From Proposals President Obama Made In The Spring Of 2010..."** "In postponing lease sales along the Eastern Seaboard, the plan took a step back from proposals President Obama made in the spring of 2010 before a blowout on BP's Macondo well triggered last year's giant oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico." (Steve Mufson, "Offshore Drilling Plan Excludes Virginia," [The Washington Post](#), 11/8/11)

Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA): Offshore Drilling Would "Would Boost Domestic Energy Production, While Benefiting The Commonwealth's Economy." WEBB: "Oil and gas exploration within the Virginia Outer Continental Shelf—if coupled with an equitable formula for sharing revenues between the state and federal governments—would boost domestic energy production, while benefiting the Commonwealth's economy. ... we work to address our energy future here in Congress, it is important to note the administration's existing authority to include Virginia in the current five-year lease plan, and I once again urge the president to exercise that authority." ("Virginia Left Out Of Offshore Drilling" [The Fredericksburg Free Lance Star's "On Politics" Blog](#), 11/8/11)

Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) Called Obama's Decision "Disappointing, Because The Safe, Responsible Development Of Offshore Energy Resources Has Broad Support From Virginians And Among The Bipartisan Elected Leadership Of The State." WARNER: "This is disappointing, because the safe, responsible development of offshore energy resources has broad support from Virginians and among the bipartisan elected leadership of the state. ... I will be strongly urging the administration to take another look at including Virginia in its five-year plan." ("Virginia Left Out Of Offshore Drilling" [The Fredericksburg Free Lance Star's "On Politics" Blog](#), 11/8/11)

In 2012, Obama's Interior Department Excluded Virginia From New Leases To Be Opened For Offshore Energy Exploration. "The 15 scheduled potential lease sales contained in the plan will occur in six planning areas – the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico, the portion of the Eastern Gulf Of Mexico not currently under Congressional moratorium, and the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea and Cook Inlet Planning Areas offshore Alaska." (Press Release, "Interior Finalizes Plan To Make All highest-Resource Areas In The U.S. Offshore Available For Oil And Gas Leasing," [Department Of The Interior](#), 6/28/12)

- **Obama Blocked Virginia From Offshore Drilling "Until At Least 2017."** "The plan announced Thursday postpones drilling off Virginia's coast until at least 2017." (Anita Kumar, "Virginia Politicians Complain About exclusion In Offshore Drilling Pan," [The Washington Post](#), 6/28/12)
- **Offshore Drilling Off Virginia's Coast Would Create Approximately 1,900 Jobs, Add \$365 Million Annually To The GDP And Generate Nearly \$20 Billion In Additional Revenue.** "By going forward with offshore Atlantic oil and gas leasing and with Virginia participating in the development of offshore Atlantic resources, a recent report estimates that the state's activity could: Create approximately 1,900 new jobs in Virginia; Add \$365 million annually to the Gross Domestic Product; and Generate almost \$19.5 billion in government revenues at all levels of government (federal, state and local)." ("Potential Job Creation, Economic Benefits And Revenue Sharing From Oil And Natural Gas Production And Exploration In Virginia," [Southeast Energy Alliance](#), 10/14/10)

Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA): "I Regret That The Administration Failed To Include Virginia In Its Proposed Final Five-Year Lease Plan." WEBB: "I regret that the administration failed to include Virginia in its proposed final five-year lease plan. ... Energy exploration and subsequent production within the Virginia Outer Continental Shelf – if coupled with an equitable formula for sharing revenues between the state and federal governments – would boost domestic energy production, while benefiting the Commonwealth's economy." ("Leaders Respond To Drilling Decision," [Augusta Free Press](#), 6/28/12)

- **Sens. Webb And Warner Are Co-Sponsoring Legislation That Would Open Energy Production Off The Coast Of Virginia.** "Sens. Jim Webb and Mark R. Warner, both Democrats, are co-sponsoring legislation that would open energy production off the coast of Virginia. The Offshore Petroleum Expansion Now Act of 2012, or OPEN Act, would replace the current five-year leasing plan, which excludes Virginia, and provide revenue sharing to all participating coastal states." (Wesley P. Hester, "Webb, Warner Co-Sponsor Bill On Offshore Energy Production," [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/31/12)

OBAMACARE: WRONG FOR VIRGINIA

ObamaCare Will Cost Virginia \$1.47 Billion Throughout The Next 12 Years. "In Virginia, where officials say the overhaul will cost \$1.47 billion over the next 12 years, McDonnell has called the law a 'historic and unfunded federal mandate on the states' and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II has bemoaned its possible impact on the bottom line." (Rosalind S. Helderman and Aaron C. Davis, "Health-Care Overhaul's Costs To Virginia And Maryland Unclear," [The Washington Post's Breaking News Blog](#), 6/25/10)

- **The Cost Through Through 2022 Was \$400 Million More Than An Earlier Estimate.** "The McDonnell administration increased its estimate for Virginia's cost of President Obama's health care overhaul to about \$1.5 billion through 2022, a roughly \$400 million jump from the governor's initial forecast. ... The upward revision is mostly because of bad news from the federal government on how 80,000 low-income children and teens will be covered under the new law. When the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services made the first estimate, it assumed those youths would stay in the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, which provides the state with a generous federal match, said Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Bill Hazel. ... 'In the new plan, [the youths] get converted to standard Medicaid, which means we get a lower federal match, which means it costs us more money,' Hazel told The Washington Examiner." (William C. Flook, "McDonnell: Obamacare Will Cost Virginia \$1.5 Billion," [The Washington Examiner](#), 5/18/10)

Richmond Times-Dispatch: ObamaCare Causing Higher Health Care Costs, Higher Deficits, And Higher Taxes. “The critics’ predictions -- it’s going to raise health care costs, the deficit, taxes, and insurance premiums, make getting medical care more complex, and help fewer people than advertised -- are coming true already. Members of the public understand this all too well.” (Editorial, “Health Care: ‘You Dummies,’” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 9/27/10)

- **Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Democrats And An Often Sympathetic Media Are Trying, Once Again, To Tell Voters They Would Like A Lousy Law If Only They Had Enough Brains.”** (Editorial, “Health Care: ‘You Dummies,’” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 9/27/10)

A Virginia Small Business Owner Said Health Care Bill Is “Detrimental To The Incentive To Grow And Provide Jobs For People.” “Karch, for example, said 95 percent of the staff at Home Instead Senior Care work part time, but he technically has more than 50 full-time equivalent employees. He said he doesn’t know if that means he has to provide health insurance for all his employees or just those who work full time. If part-timers are included, he said he’d either have to shut down or raise his rates. ‘As a small business owner, I definitely feel this legislation is detrimental to the incentive to grow and provide jobs for people, especially people that, for a variety of reasons, can only work part time,’ Karch said.” (Cathy Jett, “Reform Getting Mixed Reviews,” *The Free Lance Star*, 4/3/10)

In 2009, A Virginia Cardiologist Said Medicare Cuts Will Force Him, Other Small-Town Doctors To Close Their Offices. “The cuts would be ‘impossible’ for some small-town cardiologists who rely on Medicare patients, said Zia Roshandel, a heart doctor in Culpeper, Virginia. The town of 10,000 people is about 60 miles southwest of Washington ... If the proposal stands, ‘the bottom line is I’m going to close the office,’ he said. ‘This is impossible for me to survive.’” (Alex Nussbaum & Lisa Rapaport, “Cardiologists Crying Foul Over Obama Medicare Cuts,” *Bloomberg*, 8/28/09)

Richmond, VA-Based Brink’s Took A \$14 Million Charge From ObamaCare. “The Brink’s Company, a global leader in security-related services, reported a first-quarter loss from continuing operations of \$5 million (\$.10 per share) versus income of \$22 million last year (\$.48 per share). Results include an income tax charge of \$14 million (\$.28 per share) related to recently enacted U.S. healthcare legislation.” (The Brink’s Company, “Brink’s Reports First-Quarter Results,” *Press Release*, 4/29/10)

Virginia’s Norfolk Southern Took A \$27 Million Charge For New Health Care Costs. “Norfolk Southern Corp. has announced it will pay about \$27 million more in expenses for the first quarter of the year as a result of federal health care legislation signed last month. ‘Under the new legislation, to the extent the corporation’s future health-care drug expenses are reimbursed under the Medicare Part D retiree drug subsidy program, the reimbursed expenses will no longer be tax deductible after 2012,’ the company stated in a filing Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” (Robert McCabe, “Norfolk Southern To Pay \$27M More After Health Care Bill,” *The Virginian-Pilot*, 4/8/10)

Even Virginia Democrat Sen. Jim Webb Is Critical Of Obama’s Approach To Health Care

Sen. Jim Webb(D-VA): HealthCare “Cost Obama A Lot Of Credibility As Leader.” “@SusanPage: Sen. Jim Webb at [@Bloomberg](#) breakfast says Obama's 'biggest downside' politically is [#hcr](#); 'cost Obama a lot of credibility as a leader.’” (Susan Page, *Twitter Feed*, 4/18/12)

- **Webb: It’s A Big “Question Mark” If Obama Will Be Able To Carry VA This Year.** “Democratic Senator Jim Webb of Virginia said it’s a “big question mark” whether President Barack Obama will be able to carry his state again in this year’s election because Obama’s handling of the health-care overhaul harmed his credibility.” (Julie Hirschfeld Davis, “Webb Says Virginia A Challenge For Obama Over Health Care,” *Bloomberg*, 4/18/12)
- **Webb: “The Manner In Which The Health-Care-Reform Issue Was Put In Front Of The Congress -- The Way That The Issue Was Dealt With By The White House -- Cost Obama A Lot Of Credibility As A Leader. From That Point Forward, Obama’s Had A Difficult Time**

Selling Himself As A Decisive Leader.” (Julie Hirschfeld Davis, “Webb Says Virginia A Challenge For Obama Over Health Care,” [Bloomberg](#), 4/18/12)

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