

GENERAL LINKS TO SUBMIT LTEs:

- **Bristol Herald Courier -**
 - https://www.heraldcourier.com/opinion/something-to-say-write-a-letter-to-the-editor/article_238889be-6b22-526e-add6-0e3972c73071.html
- **Charlottesville Daily Progress -**
 - https://www.dailyprogress.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/letter_editor/
- **Culpeper Star-Exponent**
 - https://www.starexponent.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/
- **Danville Register & Bee**
 - https://www.godanriver.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/
- **Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star**
 - https://www.fredericksburg.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/
- **Harrisonburg Daily News-Record**
 - https://www.dnronline.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/
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 - https://www.newsadvance.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/
- **Martinsville Bulletin**
 - https://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/letter_editor/
- **Newport News Daily Press**
 - <https://www.dailypress.com/services/dp-submitletter-htmlstory.html>
- **Northern Virginia Daily -**
 - <https://www.nvdaily.com/opinion/letters/>
- **Pulaski Southwest Times**
 - <https://www.southwesttimes.com/submit-ideas/>
- **Richmond Dispatch**
 - <https://www.richmond.com/contact-us/forms/letter-to-the-editor/>
- **Roanoke Times**
 - https://www.roanoke.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/
- **Staunton News Leader**
 - <https://static.newsleader.com/submitletter/>
- **Suffolk News Herald**
 - <https://www.suffolknewsherald.com/services/letters-to-editor/>
- **Virginian-Pilot**
 - https://pilotonline.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/
- **Washington Post**
 - <https://helpcenter.washingtonpost.com/hc/en-us/articles/236004788-Send-a-letter-to-the-editor>
- **Winchester Star**
 - https://www.winchesterstar.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/
- **USA Today**
 - <https://static.usatoday.com/submitletter/>

TALKING POINTS:

- **Job Creation:**
 - The GND will create thousands of jobs in the clean energy sector in Virginia. The Advanced Energy Economy reports there are already 97k+ jobs in Virginia, and the expansion of clean energy will only create tens of thousands more.
- **Just Transition:**
 - The GND is about more than creating 100% renewables. It's about transitioning our Commonwealth while ensuring no communities get left behind. During this transition, we will have an opportunity to ensure we implement policies that require strong enforcement of labor, workplace safety, wage standards, and the right to unionize.
- **New Sense of Urgency Issued by Trump Admin:**
 - In 2018, the Trump Admin. released a report stating, we must act now to prevent the impending economic and environmental crisis due to climate change. Virginia must lead the way forward, and present a bold vision for the future that benefits all. We can shape what the future of clean energy looks like, while also guiding other states making the move to clean energy.
- **Eastern Shore:**
 - The Center for Climate Integrity report estimated that rising sea levels due to climate change will cost Virginia 31 billion dollars if we do not act now. It's not just coastal cities like Virginia Beach and Hampton. Virginia's Eastern Shore and Northern Neck of the Chesapeake Bay are listed among the top ten counties that will incur billions of dollars to safeguard businesses, homes and roads.
- **Farming/Rural:**
 - A very negative picture is being concocted, intended to ensure that farmers and other rural people oppose a GND. In fact, if the GND is properly conceived and designed – as a 'bottom up' economic development and ecological restoration strategy – it will strengthen farmers, forest and other land-based businesses and create a range of new and better economic opportunities in rural communities. Specifically, it would Invest in local food and sustainable farming infrastructure, Expand research and technical support for sustainable land management, Invest in and support of clean energy generation on farms and other rural lands, and so much more.
- **Social Justice:**
 - Marginalized communities will be disproportionately affected by the catastrophes brought on by the consequences of climate change. The climate crisis doesn't discriminate, but our resources and culture do.
 - A phaseout of fossil fuels is outlined in the Green New Deal. The goals of the Green New Deal are to not only have a steady transition to renewable energy, but to ensure the right to clean air and water for every American, and it makes certain that no community will be exploited or left behind. If Green New Deal legislation is passed in Virginia, then it would bring in tens of thousands of jobs to the commonwealth. These new jobs, which will reach every corner of the state, will create a diverse and even playing field. In addition to its promise of job training, a diversified workforce, and clean air and water for every Virginian, a statewide Green New Deal offers not only a solution to climate change, but a social revolution.

SAMPLE LTEs:

Sample One -

We have an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy for our grandchildren, but time is running out.

President Donald Trump's administration issued a report last November projecting that the global economy would be irreversibly affected by the climate crisis in 12 years. It was a call to action, and our next move needs to be enacting a Green New Deal, or GND, in Virginia.

A GND doesn't exist yet on a federal or state level, though proponents agree on a few specifics that would frame future legislation: access to clean water and air is a human right; jobs in the clean energy industry need to be well-paying and well-benefited; and, most importantly, there needs to be a just transition that uplifts all Virginians, regardless of race or status, in the process.

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Virginia could be the first state to enact its own GND legislation, but opposition has been fierce. Unlike the current system that benefits utility monopolies and capitalizes on marginalized communities, the GND restores power to the people. Stakeholders in the current system are eager to quash efforts to divest their power.

We all live here, and we need to start taking better care of our home. Otherwise, our grandchildren might not have one.

Sample Two -

After President Trump's Administration released a 2018 report stating we must act now to prevent the impending economic shocks of the climate crisis, visionaries created the GND to tackle two crises: climate change and economic inequity. So far, there is no legislation — only a goal to uplift vulnerable and working families by creating millions of good paying, well-benefited jobs

Former Speaker Howell said "The [GND] also would dictate a zero-emissions transportation system, all while guaranteeing union jobs, mandated wages, housing and universal healthcare for every person in the United States."

We know these aspirational goals won't be achieved overnight, but if you believe these goals are right for Americans, that good wages and healthcare are reasonable to demand in the richest country in the world, then a Green New Deal is for you.

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Even before any concrete piece of legislation exists, certain interests are threatened by the prospect of an economy working for 99 percent of people, evidenced by the amount spent demonizing this bold vision.

So next time you read an anti-GND piece, think, "Why is the GND so threatening?" Remember, the GND threatens a well-funded power structure.