



## Statewide Talking Points Template

| TERRY McAULIFFE for Governor |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Fast-Facts / Economy</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Virginia's 72nd governor, Terry created 200,000 good jobs, the most of any governor in the Commonwealth in the last two decades. He secured 1,100 economic development projects, brought in \$20 billion in new capital, reduced unemployment to 3.3% and increased personal income 14%</li> <li>As governor Terry restored voting rights to 173,000 Virginians, more than any governor in US history before him.</li> <li>Terry has 16 detailed policy plans, the vision, and the experience to get things done and move Virginia forward.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Education</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Virginia's 72nd governor, Terry secured a record \$1 billion investment in education, expanded preschool to thousands of children in need, &amp; fought to increase teacher pay. Thanks to his efforts, Virginia served 13 million more school meals in the last year of his administration.</li> <li>He also established a first-in-the-nation New Economy Workforce Credentials Act and Grant Program, which has awarded over 24,000 Virginians with industry-recognized credentials, licenses, &amp; certifications needed for high-demand careers.</li> <li>As Virginia's next governor, Terry will ensure every child has a world-class education by investing \$2 billion to raise teacher pay above the national average, get every student online, and expand Pre-K.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Healthcare</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As VA's 72nd Governor, Terry expanded health care coverage to thousands &amp; launched a program to provide low-income pregnant women w/ dental care.</li> <li>Terry created the GAP program, expanding health care coverage to thousands of Virginians w/ severe mental illness &amp; substance use disorders.</li> <li>As Virginia's next governor, Terry will fight to make sure that all Virginians have access to quality, affordable health care by lowering premiums and taking on pharmaceutical companies to lower prescription drug costs.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Gun Violence</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Virginia's 72nd Governor, Terry vetoed 18 radical Republican bills that would have weakened VA's gun laws.</li> <li>He passed the first meaningful gun safety laws in decades, including a domestic violence law (one of the toughest in the US)</li> <li>As Virginia's next governor, Terry will ban the sale of military-style assault firearms and high-capacity magazines, strengthen Virginia's background check laws, and create an office of gun violence prevention.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Climate</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Virginia's 72nd Governor, Terry stood up to the climate-denying GOP legislature, and fought to create clean energy jobs &amp; address climate change.</li> <li>He vastly expanded off-shore wind &amp; solar energy production.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● As Virginia's next governor, Terry will create good paying jobs, revitalize our infrastructure, and transition Virginia to a clean energy future by 2035.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>LGBTQ+ /<br/>Reproductive<br/>Rights</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● As Virginia's 72nd Governor, Terry vetoed all anti-LGBTQ+ &amp; anti-reproductive health legislation passed by the General Assembly – including multiple bills that would have defunded Planned Parenthood in VA.</li><li>● He successfully fought back against GOP attempts to close women's health clinics &amp; kept the clinics open, and he will always be a brick wall against attacks on reproductive rights</li><li>● His first act in office was signing an executive order to ban discrimination against LGBTQ+ state employees. He was also the first southern governor in the nation to officiate a same-sex wedding.</li><li>● As Virginia's next governor, Terry will ensure every Virginian is treated equally and can thrive regardless of who they love.</li></ul> |