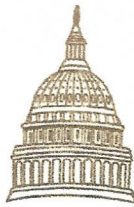


MARK R. WARNER  
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UNITED STATES SENATOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 19, 2017

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions' 2017 Summer Conference.

This event, "Creating Opportunities through Regional Collaboration," provides an important opportunity for the twenty-one planning district commissions (PDCs) in Virginia to share ideas for strengthening the Commonwealth. PDCs are vital to the regions they serve as they foster intergovernmental cooperation, provide comprehensive planning services, and give technical assistance in developing and administering community improvement projects and programs. The activities of individuals like you help bolster our economy and assist localities in planning for the future. I commend you for your efforts.

I send my best wishes for an informative and successful conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

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