




TO: Members, House Transportation Sub-Committee: Transportation Infrastructure and Funding
FROM: Virginia League of Conservation Voters
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RE:  Virginia LCV Legislative Positions – 1/23/24 House Trans Sub: I&F

Today, January 23, the House Transportation Infrastructure and Funding Subcommittee will consider: HB 305

We encourage you to **OPPOSE HB305**

[HB 305 \(Ballard\) Gas tax: allocating revenues from tax to certain localities for improving secondary roads.](#)

This Legislation Would:

Instruct the CTB to award 50% of regional fuels tax dollars that go to the District Grant Program to improving or maintaining secondary roads. Secondary roads are critically important but this proposal would arbitrarily limit funding for other types of projects (such as urban roads and transit in certain geographic areas) in some areas with significant needs for these projects.

Reasons to OPPOSE HB305

- The SMART SCALE transportation funding prioritization process was unanimously called for by the General Assembly, has been reviewed annually by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and a year-long review is nearing conclusion.
- HB305 would put a thumb on the scale for certain projects in certain geographic areas.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact Michael Town, Executive Director of Virginia LCV, at mtown@valcv.org, or Chris Leyen, Policy Director, at cleyen@valcv.org.