

## Attachment B: View of Your State

The purpose of government is to meet the needs of the people it serves. Elected and appointed officials must determine what the needs are. Look at your state as if you were a government official. When you think of Virginia, what comes to mind? Using the categories below, record your view of your state on the key issues listed.

(Answers will vary)

<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p><i>Long history dates to the first British settlement of the New World, etc.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">People</p> <p><i>Virginia has many people living in Northern Virginia and Tidewater. These areas have needs different from those of rural areas.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Economy/Jobs</p> <p><i>Many jobs are tied to the federal government. Many businesses in Virginia use technology to a great degree.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation</p> <p><i>Transportation is a major issue. Our roads are too crowded.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Politics/Government</p> <p><i>There never seems to be enough money to solve the state's problems. There is little support for raising taxes.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Education</p> <p><i>The population is growing and there is a need for more support for education. Colleges must raise tuition rates. Voters do not like that.</i></p>