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VIRGINIA GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (VGEA) LAUNCHES STATEWIDE SURVEY TO SHAPE 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Summary: The Virginia Governmental Employees Association (VGEA) unveiled a statewide survey to distill the legislative priorities of Virginia's state employees and retirees for the 2024 session. This endeavor underscores VGEA's continued commitment to representing the collective voice of the state's public workforce to the Governor and General Assembly of VA.

Richmond, VA – November 1, 2023 – The Virginia Governmental Employees Association (VGEA) is inviting all Virginia state employees and retirees to participate in a statewide survey designed to identify and prioritize legislative issues for the upcoming 2024 legislative session. The VGEA Legislative Priorities Survey is a crucial step in understanding the concerns and priorities of state employees and retirees, which in turn guides the association's advocacy efforts.

The survey is an open invitation to both VGEA members and non-members, accentuating the association's inclusivity in representing the interests of all state personnel. While the responses of VGEA members are prioritized, the association is eager to hear from the broader community as every insight contributes to a stronger advocacy framework.

The VGEA has a rich history of successful advocacy, most notably helping achieve a remarkable 25% increase in salaries for most Virginia state employees since 2019. The association continues to stand at the forefront in advocating for competitive pay, robust healthcare, solid workplace protections, and secure retirement benefits.

"This survey is instrumental in ensuring that our advocacy aligns with the actual needs and aspirations of state employees and retirees. It's about giving a voice to every individual who contributes to the welfare of the Commonwealth," said Marshall Terry, VGEA Executive Director.

The survey comprises both structured and open-ended questions, allowing respondents to rate known legislative issues and also provide insights on other concerns. The objective is to foster a comprehensive understanding that will enable effective representation before the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia.

State employees and retirees are encouraged to take the VGEA Legislative Priorities Survey by visiting vgea.org/survey24. The survey will remain open until November 15, 2023. Results of the survey will be emailed to VGEA members and posted on the VGEA's website and social media.

About Virginia Governmental Employees Association (VGEA):

The VGEA is a voluntary, non-partisan organization dedicated to voicing the concerns of active and retired public employees and advocating solutions to the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia. The association fosters professionalism, equitable compensation, and safe working conditions for all public employees, thereby ensuring effective, efficient programs and services for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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