Support Family Caregivers

SUPPORT A FAMILY CAREGIVER STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT

Across Virginia family caregivers assist their parents, spouses and other loved ones so they can live at home—where they want to be—and out of costly, taxpayer-funded nursing homes. These family caregivers help with bathing, dressing, transportation and much more. Many also use their own money to help their loved ones. AARP recently surveyed Virginia registered voters age 40-plus.

Here’s what we learned:

The vast majority of Virginia voters age 40-plus support a state income tax credit for family caregivers.

This support is strong across party lines.

8/10 voters say they would support a candidate for state office who worked to enact a caregiver tax credit.

The majority, 63%, of Virginia family caregivers use their own money to care for their loved ones.

They use their money to help with:

- Transportation: 81%
- Home health aide: 30%
- Assistive Technology: 49%
- Skilled Care Services: 28%
- Home Modifications: 46%
- Homemaker services: 22%

Spending money on their loved ones’ care affects family caregivers financially. It affects their ability to:

- Save for retirement: 45%
- Have enough money to enjoy life: 43%
- Buy everyday necessities: 27%
- Pay bills: 27%

AARP Virginia will urge members of the 2020 Virginia General Assembly to pass a family caregiver tax credit to bring some financial relief for Virginia’s family caregivers.

Source: August 2019 survey of 1,000 Virginia Registered Voters Aged 40-plus. Margin of sample error is ±3.1%
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