

Letter of invitation to a lawmaker template courtesy of the Vienna Area Branch:

On behalf of the _____ Area AAUW Branch and the _____ Area AAUW Branch, we invite you to speak at our joint program via Zoom to discuss the upcoming 2023 General Assembly session, what bills you hope to see pass, and what problems you foresee. The event will be open to the public.

Our proposed date is _____ at _____ pm. We also are inviting Senator _____ to speak. We would like each of you to speak for twenty to thirty minutes, followed by question time, with questions taken in the chat. Your part of the program will end no later than _____ pm.

AAUW is a non-partisan organization of over 1000 members in the Commonwealth. We are a part of the national AAUW with over 140,000 members and supporters nationwide. The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Here are the current legislative and policy priorities for Virginia AAUW:

- Protect access to abortion and the right of women to make personal reproductive decisions with their medical providers.
- Eliminate systemic racism and sexism through changes to Virginia law and regulations.
- Make childcare affordable and readily available for all families.
- Protect full access to voting.
- Ensure full public-school funding and protect teachers from harassment and liability claims.

Our members will also be in Richmond for our Lobby Day on January 19 to bring our priorities to the members of the General Assembly.

We know that the week prior to the General Assembly is a very busy time for you, but we hope that you can share your insights with our members about prospects for the Commonwealth in the new year.