Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest 2020-2021 budget you have proposed to the 1.1 million people in the county. I am testifying separately as speaker 31 on 28 April with a YouTube video for five minutes. I am presenting why the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax people should recognize the need to be courageous and recognize that the risks are similar to risks people have taken for thousands of years.

My name is Thomas Cranmer. I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the Seneca Farms Homeowners Association, the First Vice-President of the Fairfax County Taxpayers' Alliance and a fellow at the American Center for Democracy. The views in this paper are mine, except for the quotations identified.

I am sympathetic for the pressure you are under. You will understand the following quote from the appropriately named novel A Taste for Death:  

"Government are asked to ensure equality of intelligence, talent, health, energy and wealth while, at the same time, banishing original sin as from the beginning of the next financial year. What Divine Providence has singularly failed to do, her Majesty's Government are to achieve by Statutory Order. In a democracy there's always an opposition to tell them that anything is possible."

Key points in my testimony: Discussed in this paper are the following recommendations to promote a plan for rapid opening of Fairfax County's businesses and economy, plus recognition of the need for reduction of the tax burden and expenditures.

1. The Communist Chinese Party (CCP) COVID-19 scare is overblown.
2. The Board of Supervisors should encourage more healthy living.
3. Open Fairfax for business with social distancing like some states. At least 15 states are opening.  
4. Reduce the Fairfax Budget by $271 million for the decline in real estate values.
5. Reduce the FCPS Budget by eliminating wage increases of $66 million and non-educational actions.
6. Promote home schooling by providing a $5,000 tax credit per child that could reduce the cost of FCPS by $228 million. Headline 25 April 2020: "Virginia Health Commissioner Says Schools Could Remain Closed for Two Years."
7. Reduce the Fairfax budget subsidy of the Metro by $412 million.

These savings to taxpayers would be $923 million.
1. The CCP COVID-19 is over hyped. Over thousands of years people have dealt with diseases, accidents and wars. Civilizations have survived. Politicians and people need to face up to the risks of old and new diseases. A list of the deaths in Virginia during 2017 is attached as Exhibit 1. The need for healthy living, such as not smoking, non-fattening diet and exercise is clear from the list. Healthy people who get CCP COVID-19 are likely to experience no or minor symptoms. Recovery rates for those few people who get sick experience recovery rates of over 98%. They are the ones who are likely to build up antibodies to shield them in the future. The lower incidence of CCP COVID-19 in California and other states are likely to be from "herd immunity."

Many people avoid rational discipline in their lives. Death rates from Cancer (15,064) and heart disease (14,861) in Virginia lead the causes by far, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control. Accidents, stroke, chronic lower respiratory disease are the next types of deaths each in the 3,363-3,922 range. The next group is Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, Kidney Disease, Septicemia and Flu/Pneumonia in the range of 1,245-1,967 each.\(^5\)

The number of COVID-19 deaths is comparatively small at 329, as discussed below. Over 90% of the COVID-19 deaths are experienced by people who were vulnerable from the diseases listed above. These are the people who should be protected, especially those in assisted living homes, long term care and nursing homes. The risks for the rest of the population are small and the BOS/Fairfax people should be willing to take the risks of reopening Fairfax.\(^6\)

The Exhibit 2 table shows the relative risks and contagiousness of various diseases. CCP COVID-19 is part of the mix of diseases. Panic in society seems to be due to the novelty of the disease, not the real impact in relation to other diseases.

2. Fairfax County should encourage healthy living. Old age is not the primary health problem -- it is the people with diseases. About half the people over 65 have Diabetes Type 2 and are overweight, according to the April 2020 Mayo Clinic Newsletter. One in five CCP COVID-19 deaths are in nursing homes, according to Fox News. Such residents are more vulnerable to death from the Flu and CCP COVID-19 than healthy people over 65 who are careful with their diet and exercise and do not smoke. "Research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2013 showed only about 34% of American adults eat fruit daily and only about 22% eat vegetables daily."\(^7\)

Nicole Saphier, MD says in her book that just came out:

"Americans are notoriously unhealthy - we eat too much, drink too much, and sit too much. When roughly 80 percent of cardiovascular disease and-40 percent of all cancer cases could be prevented by simple lifestyle changes, it is time to take a deeper look at the problem and ask who is truly responsible...Nearly one in five American deaths is associated with poor diets...It is up to the American people to make America healthy again."\(^8\)

The Fairfax Board of Supervisors and Health Department should promote why healthy living helps avoid the CCP COVID. Such promotion and explanation of the disease seems to be missing.

An overview of Corona type viruses is attached as Exhibit 3. Please note the common cold and the Flu are Corona viruses. Since no vaccines for HIV and SARS were found, it seems finding a

\(^5\) [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/virginia/virginia.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/virginia/virginia.htm)

\(^6\) The author has been an emergency first responder for many years, had medical training in the State Department and has a BA from Yale in science. He published a major paper on preventing Alzheimer's Disease. He told the B05 half of them are likely to get Alzheimer's by age 90 if they do not take preventive action.


\(^8\) Nicole Saphier, MD. *Make America Healthy Again*. Broadside Books, Harper Collins, N.Y. 2020 dust jacket. She is a certified radiologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
vaccine for CCP COVID-19 may not happen, although many researchers are working on it. The Fairfax Health Department, politicians and spokespeople for Fairfax should caution people that prevention treatments for CCP COVID-19 could be similar to those for preventing Flu and pneumonia, in spite of vaccines. The Flu vaccine did not keep the number of deaths below those of CCP COVID-19.

The Fairfax Health Department reported in the attached email (Exhibit 4):

a. INOVA has the new Abbott test kits that are the ones that give the results in 15 minutes. The Health Dept does not know where else the Abbott test kits are being used. I recommend the BOS gather comprehensive information on what companies and locations are providing testing. The county web site should provide daily the amount of testing being done for both active cases of CCP COVID-19, the number of recoveries and whether the patients had a major health problem.

b. The occupancy percent of beds in Fairfax and VA is not known. However, a couple days ago bed availability in VA was 6,097, which seems like a lot.

c. There’s no information on how many test kits are needed. The national average is 73% of test capability is not being used.

The Fairfax Health Department and BOS should provide more readily available information on the incidence of all types of diseases, use and availability of testing, hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilator use, recovery rates, deaths and whether the deaths are to people with underlying diseases. This information should help damp down the panic here.

More information should be provided on the capability there is for testing people for antibodies. If a person tests negative today, there is no guarantee they would test negative tomorrow. Antibodies are needed to keep us healthy.

Some data for VA below indicates the Covid-19 problem is overblown. Flu is rarely discussed: 1,424 Flu deaths as of 9 April 2020. Information should be made available on how many got the vaccine. Nevertheless focus is on CCP COVID-19: 372 deaths as of 23 April 2020 according to the VA Health Dept. Clearly the Flu has been more dangerous in terms of deaths.

Confirmed positive and pending tests of patients hospitalized are: 1,307 of which 1,228 were confirmed as CCP COVID-19. The number of patients in ICUs was 398. Only 21% of the 2,869 ventilators are in use. The number of patients discharged was 1,229, so this shows the high recovery rate.

Recent data from Los Angeles, Stanford, New York and Florida indicates there’s a large immunity that develops to Communist Chinese Party Covid-19 and many people are asymptomatic or had minor symptoms. The real death rate appears to be about 0.1%.

3. **Open Fairfax for business with social distancing.** Businesses and people should be able to judge for themselves whether to reopen and shop/get services. Elective surgeries should be available now. Medical doctors’ offices, hospitals, surgery centers and immediate care units should be open. They are experts on disease control. My younger son, an eye surgeon, a Harvard Medical School and Wills Eye Hospital graduate, is not allowed to practice in Connecticut under current restrictions, except for emergencies.

Many businesses have continued to function, such as the post offices, Costco, grocery stores, pharmacies, Home Depot, Office Depot and Joanne’s. Other stores and restaurants should be encouraged to open and local travel restrictions should be lifted. Social distancing advice should

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9 Virginia Health Department web site.
continue to be provided and stores should disinfect frequently touched objects. People will choose to be careful.

Assisted living and nursing homes should continue to protect the vulnerable people who are ill or infirm. This means restricting visitors, supplying staff with face masks and protective clothing. Checking temperatures frequently with hand-held devices pointed at foreheads is easy and inexpensive ($70). My older son, an owner of five assisted living homes in Arizona follows this advice successfully.

Many states and counties are easing or eliminating restrictions on commerce. Virginia and Fairfax should learn from other localities. Continued restrictions employment will lead to more deaths from heart attacks, stroke and suicide than CCP COVID-19.

Attorney General Barr commented on 21 April 2020 that the Justice Department might consider intervening in lawsuits against governors' lockdown measures if states continue to extend them as CCP COVID-19 cases subside. He said:

"But your first thing is to drive it back to a manageable, a more manageable state. And that's what we're doing and have done. And the question is, you can't just keep on feeding the patient chemotherapy and say, 'Well, we're killing the cancer' because we were getting to the point where we're killing the patient. And now is the time that we have to start looking ahead and adjusting to more targeted therapies."

4. Importance of reducing the real estate tax Fairfax budget further. Real estate assessments in Fairfax are unrealistically high. This leads to increased tax burdens on families and businesses. The International Monetary fund is forecasting a decrease in the Gross National Product of the U.S. of 5.9%.  

Assuming real estate prices have declined by 5.9% and recognizing the Fairfax FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan is $2.9 billion dollars for Real Estate Taxes, then the Fairfax budget should be adjusted down by $171 million ($2.9 billion times 0.059). Assumptions about real estate prices are just that - assumptions. They are artificial and do not reflect putting any money in the pockets of residents.

The decline in the economy and resultant unemployment makes the Fairfax taxes a substantial burden for the residents of Fairfax. Many people are desperate and do not know how they are going to be able to pay for food, rents and residential taxes.

Forbes reported on 12 April:

"The U.S. housing industry is on lockdown. New construction sales centers are empty. In most states, real estate agents can't show houses. Inspectors won't inspect. Appraisers can't appraise. Even cash buyers willing to waive contingencies can't get an appointment. Closings for homes that went under contract before America put its economy on ice—if they happen at all—are now done virtually via Zoom, Docu-sign, and drive-through title companies in order to comply with stay-at-home orders and social distancing guidelines."

Washington Business Journal commented on 13 April:

"Fairfax County, which often has the most homes for sale, had just 2,110 new listings in March, down 8.4%. Montgomery County had 1,579, down 10.2%.”

Supervisor John Foust submitted a Community Notice that said: ”As a result of the Increased

11 THE EPOCH TIMES, 23 April 2020, p A7
12 https://www.iritorg/en/Countries/USA
value of real estate in the County, revenues from the Real Estate Tax are expected to increase by over $100 million.” At a minimum, this increase should be rescinded. The total budget reduction should be $271 million ($100 million plus the $171 million in likely real estate reductions discussed above).

5. Reduce the Fairfax Public School Budget by eliminating $66 million13 of proposed salary increases and concentrating on free educational resources for learning and eliminating non-education items. The current disastrous roll-out of distance learning showed FCPS has been unable to use facilities available on the Internet. No public debate has been allowed.

This year was the first time the present Superintendent of Schools was on the radio discussing school policies. No town hall forum was provided for parents and students to question the superintendent. Why not?

FCPS has mandated that students must use only the computers FCPS provides and never personal ones. This puts a burden on the families with several children who are forced to share one computer, even though the family may have several computers of their own.

The ACT tests of Fairfax high school seniors showed half the students who want to go to college are not prepared for college work. I provided the results to the BOS in the past, but nothing has been done. FCPS said the schools have done no investigation of this. The BOS should start an investigation. Clearly FCPS is wasting lots of tax money on non-educational and inappropriate activities.

The former School Board member, Elizabeth Schultz reported in public forums that the School Board spent about 1,000 hours debating how transgender students should be permitted to use boys and girls facilities. Such a debate is a waste of time and undermines concentration on academic subjects.

Allowing transgender boys to compete in girls’ sports hurts the motivation of girls to participate.

6. Promote home and private schooling by providing a $5,000 tax credit that could reduce the cost of FCPS by $228 million. FCPS has 189,000 students, all of which are being taught at home now. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide motivated parents and students an incentive to transfer to home schooling or private schools. The private schools apparently have adopted distance learning quickly without a problem. FCPS has not been able to handle distance learning and even fired the woman in charge.

"The FY 2021 Advertised Budget for the School Operating Fund totals $3.2 billion. This is an increase of $172.2 million, or 5.8 percent, over the FY 2020 Approved Budget." This is the original budget and has not been revised for current conditions. Thus, operating costs come to about $17,000 per student ($172 million divided by 189,000 students).

If the BOS provided for an annual tax credit against real estate taxes of $5,000 per student who transfers, the saving per student would be $12,000 ($17,000 minus $5,000). If only ten percent of FCPS students, or about 19,000 transfer to home or private schools, this would be a savings of $228 million (19,000 students times $12,000 savings Per student) to Fairfax taxpayers.

The $5,000 tax credit per year per student would be a significant incentive, especially for home schooling. About two million students are home schooled in the US, according to Wikipedia. An aunt of mine in Colorado has home schooled children for over 50 years. She still does at age 95.

The free or low-cost resources for home schooled kids are extensive. Now Fairfax parents are experiencing home schooling. It is not for everyone, especially if the parents work outside the home. Nevertheless, it is worth trying to see how many Fairfax parents would opt for home schooling.

schooling if an incentive of $5,000 per year is offered.

7. **Reduce the Metro budget by $412 million**: As you may have heard, an MIT professor, Jeffrey E. Harris, on April 13 published a 20-page study that reports: “New York’s multi-tentacled subway system was a major disseminator -- if not the principal transmission vehicle -- of coronavirus infection during the initial takeoff of the massive epidemic that became evident throughout the city during March 2020,”

The Metro system is being cut back drastically now. That should help curtail the spread of the diseases. WMATA on 23 April 2020 announced the following:

“All stations west of Ballston on the Orange and Silver lines will be closed beginning Saturday, 23 May. There will be no Silver Line service. Free express and local shuttle bus service will be available to provide alternative travel options for essential workers. As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, ridership at stations west of Ballston totals about 1,200 customers per weekday - less than 5% of normal ridership.”

Throughout the Washington Metro area, people are choosing not to ride the Metro. According to the Metro report on rail ridership for the period 23 March to 16 April 2020 ridership was down 90-96%. Bus rides were generally down over 70%. Therefore, people are recognizing the dangers of being packed in next to other people, by deciding not to ride the trains.

With the high infection rates of the CCP COVID-19 and the Flu, I recommend Fairfax scale back its support and require WMATA to charge fares that cover costs. People should be able to see what they are paying in total to be able to be exposed to diseases on the Metro.

WMATA's Fiscal Year 2021 proposed Budget Summary of State and Local Operating Requirements for Jurisdictional Operating Subsidy for Fairfax County is $166 million (p. 14).

WMATA's Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Financial Plan Allocation of State and Local Contributions for Fairfax County is $246 million (p. 69). The total Fairfax County subsidy proposed for WMATA is $412. This is about nine percent of the Fairfax 2021 Updated Budget for total receipts. The Fairfax taxpayers deserve this relief.

Therefore, the savings to taxpayers from pricing fares on the Metro to cover operating expenses and capital expenditures/debt repayments would be $412 million.

In conclusion, substantial savings could be achieved for taxpayers with courage by politicians. First the Fairfax commercial economy needs to be opened. Taxpayers need jobs and income to pay their taxes. The dangers of the diseases have been known for decades. Nevertheless, the newly identified virus that is related to other diseases has caused unnecessary panic, shutdowns, job losses and lack of income. Real estate values are dropping due to the uncertainty, drops in the stock market, inability to attract buyer to homes and loss of jobs.

It is essential for the Fairfax County, schools and the Metro to reduce their budgets. People have lost confidence in the schools and the Metro. The school system has not even put out a revised budget.

Total savings I proposed above are:

1. Reduce the real estate taxes by $217 million;
2. Eliminate FCPS proposed pay increases of $66 million
3. Savings for home schooling $228 million;
4. Eliminate the Metro subsidies of $412 million.
5. Total taxpayers’ saving would be: $923 million

More savings could be achieved with other reforms like increasing the retirement age to the Social Security level of 67 years, reducing administrative positions in the schools and concentrating on academic achievement.
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*State rank: from highest to lowest.

** and *** Rates are the number of people who died with the disease in 2017 per 100,000 people in Virginia or U.S.

Source: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_201.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_201.pdf)

Note: As of 23 April 2020 COVID-19 deaths in Virginia were 349 according to the Virginia Pilot on 24 April 2020.
CORONA VIRUS SCIENCE

Coronaviruses belong to the subfamily Coronavirinae in the family Coronaviridae. The name "coronavirus" comes from the crown-like projections on their surfaces. "Corona" in Latin means "halo" or "crown." Researchers first isolated a coronavirus in 1937. They found a coronavirus responsible for an infectious bronchitis virus in birds that had the ability to devastate poultry stocks. Over the last 70 years, scientists have found that coronaviruses can infect mice, rats, dogs, cats, turkeys, horses, pigs, and cattle. Sometimes, these animals can transmit coronaviruses to humans.

Different types of human coronaviruses vary in how severe the resulting disease becomes, and how far they can spread. Doctors currently recognize seven types of coronavirus that can infect humans. Common types include:

- 229E (alpha coronavirus)
- NL63 (alpha coronavirus)
- OC43 (beta coronavirus)
- HKU1 (beta coronavirus)

Scientists first found evidence of human coronaviruses (HCoV) in the 1960s in the noses of people with the common cold. Two human coronaviruses are responsible for a large proportion of common colds: OC43 and 229E.

Rarer strains that cause more severe complications include MERS-CoV, which causes Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), and SARS-CoV, the virus responsible for severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

SARS is a contagious disease that develops after infection by the SARS-CoV coronavirus. Typically, it leads to a life threatening form of pneumonia. During November 2002, the virus started in the Guangdong Province in southern China, eventually reaching Hong Kong. From there, it rapidly spread around the world, causing infections in more than 24 countries. SARS-CoV can infect both the upper and lower respiratory tracts. Pneumonia, a severe lung infection, usually develops. At its most advanced stage, SARS causes failure of the lungs, heart, or liver.

According to the CDC, authorities marked 8,098 people as having contracted SARS during its outbreak. Of these, 774 infections were fatal. This equates to a mortality rate of 9.6%. Complications are more likely in older adults, and half of all people over 65 years of age who became ill did not survive. Authorities eventually controlled SARS in July 2003. However, it can still occur after infection with SARS-CoV.

MERS spreads due to the coronavirus known as MERS-CoV. Scientists first recognized this severe respiratory illness in 2012 after it surfaced in Saudi Arabia. Since then, it has spread to other countries. The virus has reached the U.S., while the largest outbreak outside the Arabian Peninsula occurred in South Korea in 2015.

Symptoms of MERS include fever, breathlessness, and coughing. The illness spreads through close contact with people who already have an infection. However, all cases of MERS have links to individuals recently returning from travel to the Arabian Peninsula. A 2019 study on MERS found that the disease is fatal in 35.2% of people who contract it.

In 2019, a new strain called SARS-CoV-2 started circulating, causing the disease COVID-19.

Among humans, coronavirus infections most often occur during the winter months and early spring. People regularly become ill with a cold due to a coronavirus and may catch the same one about 4 months later. This is because coronavirus antibodies do not last for a long time. Also, the antibodies for one strain of coronavirus may be ineffective against another one.

Coronaviruses can mutate effectively, which makes them so contagious. Source: Medical News Today March 23, 2020 https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/256521
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Subject: Response to questions about COVID-19
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Mr. Cranmer,

This email is in follow-up to our phone conversation on Wednesday, April 15. You asked the following questions, for which I am providing information below:

1. **How many Abbott Test kits are being used to identify coronavirus?**
   I believe Abbott ID tests for COVID-19 are being used by some hospitals in Fairfax County, but the Health Department does not have data on the number of test kits. Below is some information that was reported recently by Inova Health regarding their testing capacity:

   **Testing Capabilities and Capacity**
   
   To date, Inova has facilitated roughly 3,500 tests across our region through our five hospitals and Respiratory Illness Clinics. Inova has been working diligently to obtain and validate the equipment needed to process COVID-19 tests in-house. This will allow us to send fewer samples to outside labs for testing and, in turn, reduce the turnaround time for testing results. At this time, only those individuals who meet Inova’s current testing criteria will be tested.

2. **What percentage of hospital beds are being occupied in Fairfax County hospitals?**
   The Health Department does not keep that data; however the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association has a COVID-19 data dashboard that tracks bed and supply inventory in hospitals. You can find the dashboard here: [https://www.vhha.com/communications/virginia-hospital-covid-19-data-dashboard/](https://www.vhha.com/communications/virginia-hospital-covid-19-data-dashboard/). For information more specific to Northern Virginia and Fairfax County, you might contact the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, [http://novaha.org/](http://novaha.org/)

3. **How many testing facilities for COVID-19 are there in Fairfax County?**
   Testing is occurring throughout the Fairfax Health District in a variety of settings (hospitals, clinics, urgent care centers) and those tests are either performed at the state lab (DCLS), Fairfax County Health Department lab, a commercial lab (like LabCorp) or at hospital reference lab. For more information on testing, please visit our Testing for COVID-19 page at [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-testing](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-testing).

I hope that information is helpful. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Regards,

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OBITUARY FOR COMMON SENSE
FROM THE LONDON TIMES, APRIL 2020

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in discipling their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
- By his parents, Truth and Trust
- By his wife, Discretion
- By his daughter, Responsibility
- And by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his five stepchildren:
- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else is to Blame
- I'm a Victim
- Pay Me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral, because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.