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My Dear Friends,

As the many members of the Chinese American community celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, please accept my warmest and best wishes.

Reflecting on the long history of the Mid-Autumn Festival as a joyful commemoration of the annual harvest reminds each of us of the importance of traditions, family and the fruits of hard work. These shared values represent the pillars of the Chinese American community and the sustained positive impact you are making throughout Virginia.

In my position as Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, I have had the good fortune to meet with and listen to many respected leaders and outstanding friends in the Chinese American community. I appreciate your ongoing support. I encourage you to share with me your continued and valued input. I also welcome your active participation in helping to govern our wonderful Commonwealth.

In this difficult time of economic recession, we need to eliminate wasteful government spending and resist calls for raising taxes which would slow economic growth and recovery, harm small businesses and hinder long-term job opportunities. Together, we also must work effectively to promote a stronger pro-business climate throughout Virginia that rewards risk-taking, investments, job creation and economic growth and prosperity as our citizens pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. Most importantly, we must provide high quality education for our children in order to prepare our society for lasting success in the competitive modern global economy.

As you enjoy your mooncakes amidst the lights of your lanterns, may you be surrounded by joy, family and friends on October 3. Together, we can be extremely thankful for all our many blessings.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill".

William J. Howell
Speaker
Virginia House of Delegates