

# Virginia



1 Overall Rank    A+ Overall Grade

Virginia	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State Delegate	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
PAC Giving	1	1	1	1	1	
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Party Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Union Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Corporate Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		

Inflation Adjustment: N/A

Perhaps it should be no surprise that the state that has produced more U.S. Presidents than any other cherishes free and open political debate within its borders. Virginia is one of five states that imposes no limits on political giving, earning it the highest grade possible in the Free Speech Index and living up to the immortal words of our country’s third president, Virginia-native Thomas Jefferson, that America should be an “empire for liberty.”

has not been exploited by unscrupulous politicians to diminish the First Amendment rights of Americans. Virginians understand that stifling the ability of groups to associate and speak will only increase the potential for corruption and shield government officials from scrutiny. The Old Dominion is a model for the rest of the country when it comes to political speech freedom, and its residents should be proud of their state’s high ranking.

It is a testament to the Virginia General Assembly that, unlike in some other states, political scandal