

Resolution 2020-004 (June 29, 2020)
Lobbying Compliance Policy

WHEREAS, The Nominations and Governance Committee recognizes that, from time-to-time, the Chesapeake Legal Alliance may engage in lobbying activities at the Federal, State, or local levels.

The Chesapeake Legal Alliance is a 501(c)(3) organization and its qualification for tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code is considered by the Board to be important to Chesapeake Legal Alliance's ability to carry out its mission.

RESOLVED

Chesapeake Legal Alliance will not engage in activities that would jeopardize its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and applicable rules and regulations.

Specifically, Chesapeake Legal Alliance will not engage in activities such that a substantial part of its activities constitute attempting to influence legislation (lobbying).

Chesapeake Legal Alliance will not support or oppose election of an individual candidate for public office.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to preclude any Board member or Officer of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance who does not receive funds or remuneration from Chesapeake Legal Alliance to lobby in their own individual capacity or on behalf of others, or from supporting or opposing election of an individual candidate for public office.

Chesapeake Legal Alliance may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, or its delegate for this purpose, attempt to influence legislation; Provided such activities do not comprise a substantial part of its activities.

The Board directs that the staff ensure that CLA is in compliance with all applicable lobbying registration and reporting requirements.

In the event Chesapeake Legal Alliance, or any Board Member, Officer, or staff member attempts to influence legislation on behalf of Chesapeake Legal Alliance, as defined by the applicable IRS legislation, rules, or regulations, staff shall maintain accurate records of the lobbying activities in order to ensure compliance with the requirement that the Association not engage in such extensive lobbying activities that would jeopardize its status as a 501(c)(3) corporation.