



- Mr. Chairman— As you know, the Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, attached to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has served our community in multiple capacities over the course of the current public health crisis.
- This past February, a local CERT volunteer from Springfield met with my office to introduce the CERT program and review ways that we could work together to support the Lee District Community.
- Since that initial meeting, my office has worked with CERT volunteers to coordinate the delivery of groceries and prescriptions for those in need.
- I am particularly proud that this model was quickly expanded across the entirety of Fairfax County, and was even featured on NBC news.
- CERT, in partnership with my office, continues to provide guidance, strategy, and safety volunteers to support weekly large-scale food distributions across our county. These food distributions provide at least one week's worth of food to over 1500 families per week.
- In recognition of this exceptional work, I respectfully ask that representatives from CERT and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department be invited to a future meeting of this Board to be acknowledged for their outstanding service during an unprecedented crisis.