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1) First, I again reached out to my city council members about climate action in my area. We had already been in contact due to previous day's challenges but this week I specifically asked them about renewable energy efforts in my area. Since we are in such a populated area, it's not super reasonable to want to produce renewable energy on a mass scale ourselves. However, it is possible that we could get some energy from renewable sources that are slightly farther away. I asked them about this and they said that it was actually something they were considering, although no concrete plans have been put in place yet. Additionally, they informed me that our local DASH bus system is now 100% electric! This is pretty big since we have a massive bus system and this would greatly reduce emissions. Next, I decided to do some research on larger scale politicians in Virginia. Both of my state senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, are from the Democratic Party and steadfastly support climate action. As for the 11 representatives from Virginia, they are from mixed parties and have varying opinions on climate change. However, from what I've found, around 9 of them support at least some effort of sustainability or conservation, which includes people from both parties. However, the remaining two somewhat concern me. One of them, Ben Cline(Republican), seems to have no online record of basically anything related to climate action. However, that is better than Bob Good(Republican) who is an outspoken critic of The Green New Deal and claims that extensive climate action will "drastically change the American way of life." That's pretty alarming but overall he seems to be an outlier so I don't think he can do too much harm. Finally, the governor's race is active in Virginia. The Democratic Candidate and standing governor, Terry McAuliffe, is a steadfast climate activist and has made progress for climate action in Virginia. Additionally, the Republican candidate, Glenn Youngkin, doesn't deny climate change or seem to hate the idea of climate action. He has actually promised to address climate-based issues in Virginia such as stormwater runoff or the rising sea level. However, MCAuliffe seems to be more of an advocate for change on a mass scale while Youngkin may just want to stop the effects of climate change. Overall, I was pretty happy with how my local and state governments are addressing climate change. While there were some outliers(I'm looking at you Bob), overall people on both sides seem to be coming closer to a consensus as the evidence rises that we are having an impact on the climate.

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