As the 72nd Governor of Virginia, Terry established the annual Virginia Women's Summit to engage and empower women in collaboration with the Virginia Council on Women. Terry also invested in women-owned businesses by creating a SWaM micro-loan program. As governor, Terry fought to make health care more affordable for women, expanded pre-k for thousands of children, and worked to create new pathways to good-paying jobs and get more women into STEM-H and cybersecurity careers. His efforts included making Virginia the first state to mandate computer science education for all K-12 students and hosting cybersecurity boot camps.

Terry also stood as a tireless champion for women's rights and fought to make Virginia safer for women and families. He successfully fought back against all attempts to close reproductive health clinics and kept all women's health clinics open. He also vetoed all anti-reproductive health legislation passed by the General Assembly – including multiple bills that would have defunded Planned Parenthood in Virginia, and he expanded health care coverage for low-income pregnant women. Terry signed one of the toughest domestic violence laws in the nation that prevented domestic abusers from accessing firearms and launched a Campus Sexual Violence Task Force to improve reporting of and response to incidences of campus sexual violence.
ON THE ECONOMY
Terry is committed to building a stronger economy that lifts up all Virginians. As governor, he will:

• Ensure that every Virginian has access to paid sick, family and medical leave and raise the minimum wage to $15 by 2024.
• Make child care more affordable by continuing subsidies and COVID-era flexibilities for women seeking work, and expand access to before and after school programs that address learning loss for kids and allow parents to stay in the workforce.
• Expand pre-k to more than 40,000 three and four-year-olds in need.
• Create a revolving loan fund to provide low-interest loans to small businesses and provide technical assistance to grow strong women-owned businesses.
• Make critical investments in workforce training and development so that Virginians, including women, are able to gain skills they need to transition into good-paying jobs.

ON EDUCATION
Terry believes every Virginia student deserves a world-class education. As governor, he will:

• Invest a record $2 billion annually in education, which will raise teacher pay above the national average for the first time in Virginia history, give every 3 and 4-year-old in-need access to pre-k, and get every student online.
• Drive more young girls and women into good-paying jobs of the future by making Virginia the best state in the nation for STEM-H and computer science education.
• Create new, affordable pathways to the workforce by streamlining financial aid and expanding the G3 program so more students can benefit from higher education.
• Keep schools safely open by urging all school divisions to require vaccines for all school personnel.
• Promote affordability and flexibility in higher education by streamlining financial aid, expanding programs so more students can benefit from higher education, and reimagining our K-12 education system so that every child has access to a world-class education and is workforce ready upon graduation.

ON HEALTH CARE
Terry is committed to making health care more affordable and standing as a brick wall against attacks on reproductive rights. As governor, he will:

• Stand up against any attacks on women’s reproductive rights and protect women’s access to health care.
• Implement a reinsurance program and stand up a state-based health care exchange to lower health care premiums and make health care more affordable.
• Lower prescription drug costs by creating a state watchdog to protect consumers and set price limits on high-cost drugs, passing a Prescription Drug Sunlight Law to create more transparency in drug pricing, and ensure consumers are notified about price increases.

“As Virginia’s next governor, I will build a stronger economy that lifts everyone up, especially women, who have been driven out of the workforce at alarming rates during this pandemic. Together we will invest in women-owned businesses, guarantee access to paid sick, family and medical leave, make child care more affordable, invest in education, and protect a woman’s right to choose.”

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