



# **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

## *Department of Taxation*

January 4, 2021

To: The Honorable Janet D. Howell  
Chairwoman, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Vivian E. Watts  
Chairwoman, House Finance Committee

Dear Chairwoman Howell and Chairwoman Watts:

Pursuant to 2019 House Bill 2539 (Chapter 189 of the Acts of Assembly), the Department of Taxation ("the Department") is required to report annually regarding the status and implementation of the Worker Training Tax Credit.

House Bill 2539 created a tax credit for businesses that provide certain training opportunities to employees and middle school and high school students in Virginia. This credit became effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The Department of Taxation has fully implemented this credit program by making updates to its systems and forms. Qualifying taxpayers may apply for credits by submitting Form WTC. Once credits have been approved, qualifying taxpayers may claim such credits on their Virginia income tax returns.

During Fiscal Year 2020, no taxpayers claimed the Worker Training Tax Credit. Because business taxpayers often file on extension, the Department does not yet have data available regarding taxpayers that claimed the Worker Training Tax Credit for Taxable Year 2019. The Department anticipates that information regarding credits claimed for Taxable Year 2019 will be provided in the report due next year.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig M. Burns".

Craig M. Burns  
Tax Commissioner

C: The Honorable Aubrey L. Layne Jr, Secretary of Finance  
William J. White, Assistant Commissioner for Tax Policy