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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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Dear Chair Donehey and Members of the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors,

As you are aware, many of our constituents are currently facing serious financial strain due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, which has placed tens of thousands of federal employees, contractors, and their families under great financial stress. In light of these extraordinary circumstances, I respectfully urge your board to consider following the example set by Fairfax County to provide a temporary extension of the personal property tax deadline for impacted residents. I was recently contacted by a constituent voicing their concerns regarding a late fee imposed by the Loudoun County Treasurer on their personal property tax. I would encourage you to consider waving late fees on payments that are currently past due.

On October 7, 2025, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution extending the deadline for personal property tax payments from October 6, 2025, to November 5, 2025, giving residents an additional 30 days to pay without penalty or interest. The Board acted in recognition that many residents who are furloughed or not receiving timely paychecks may struggle to meet the existing deadline. This step provides much-needed relief to many impacted by the government shutdown.

Under § 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia, a county, city, or town governing body may, by resolution, provide for “reasonable extensions” of time—not to exceed 90 days—for payment of real estate and personal property taxes, and for filing returns, when “good cause” exists. This statute gives local governments the clear authority to extend deadlines in special circumstances, and many have exercised that authority following emergencies or disruptions that affect residents’ ability to pay on time. In this instance, I believe the financial hardships created by the federal shutdown plainly constitute “good cause” under the law.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this proposal. I respectfully urge the Board to consider adopting a personal property tax extension under the authority of § 58.1-3916 and to join Fairfax County’s example in helping our residents through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suhas Subramanyam", written in a cursive style.

Suhas Subramanyam  
Member of Congress