

# Investments in affordable housing lead to economic growth, job creation and development

## Building

**100** affordable homes generates:



**\$11.7 million**

in local income



**161 local jobs**

in the first year alone



**\$2.2 million**

in taxes and other revenues for local governments

Source: National Association of Home Builders

But high housing costs can restrict local economic growth by decreasing household spending in local businesses, and making it difficult for employers to attract and retain employees. On a national level, a shortage of affordable housing costs the national economy more than \$1 trillion per year in lost productivity and wages.

Amount of national revenue LOST due to a shortage of affordable housing:

**\$1.4 trillion annually**

(Source: Hsieh, C. & E. Moretti (2019). "Why do Cities Matter? Local Growth and Aggregate Growth." *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 11(2): 1-39.)

From 1986 – 2016, affordable housing development in Virginia's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, has led to:

The creation of

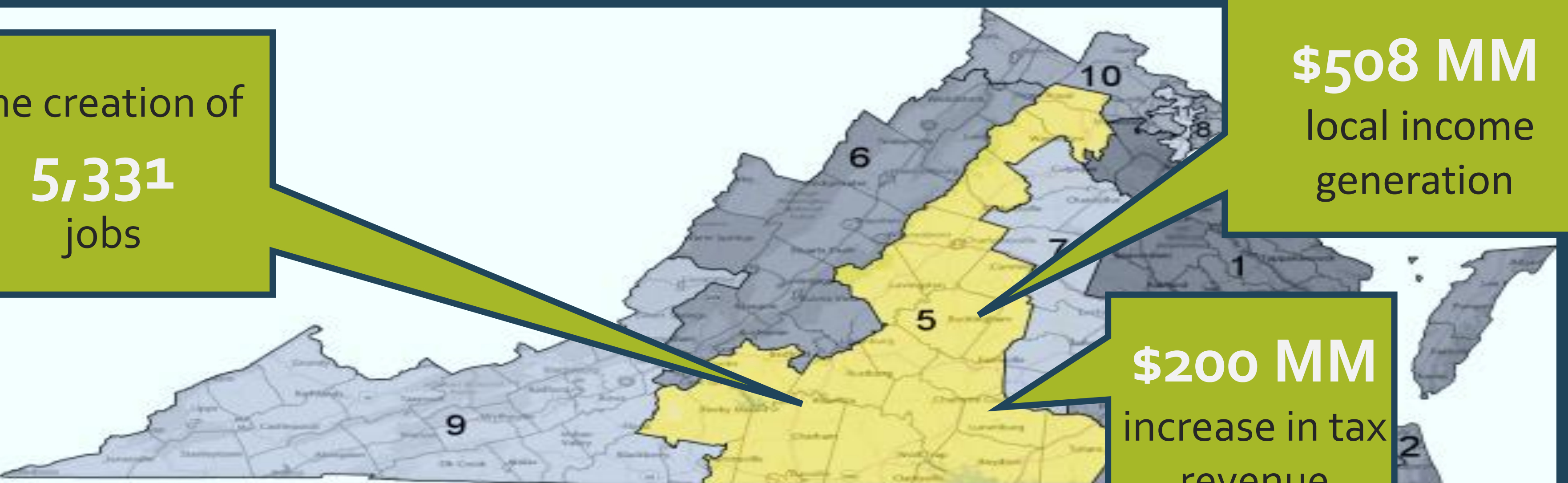
**5,331 jobs**

**\$508 MM**

local income generation

**\$200 MM**

increase in tax revenue



Source: The ACTION Campaign.