

FOIA Council,

My name is Jacqueline Wilson. I live in Arlington County and I represent my neighborhood association on Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. I think it's critical that those who cannot participate in public meetings in person are able to participate electronically. It is increasingly important to expand opportunities for participation in public bodies to better reflect the diversity and experience of our communities. Our society has now embraced electronic participation in many ways, so our state's restrictions on such participation are neither necessary nor productive.

I urge you to vote this year to remove any state-level limit for how often a member may participate electronically and to allow public bodies to address any subject during emergency electronic meetings. I would also like you to study in 2021 how there can be further increased flexibility for meeting electronically even when there is not an emergency.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Wilson

Jacki Wilson
jackileighw@gmail.com

Arlington, Virginia 22207