From: **Joseph Swartz** <<u>iswartz@vre.org</u>> Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 1:13 PM Subject: Public Comment on Electronic Meetings To: foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov <foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the Virginia FOIA Advisory Council:

The Virginia Railway Express (VRE) supports, and encourages the FOIA Advisory Council to thoughtfully consider, policies that would increase the flexibility of VRE and similar public bodies to adopt electronic meeting policies that better accommodate the needs of their board members while remaining open, transparent, and accessible to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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