

On Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 10:12 PM <msgwallace@comcast.net> wrote:

Greeting team of the FOIA Council.

Please consider expanding the flexibility for electronic meetings by passing HB2050. I volunteer for the Commission on Aging for Alexandria. I, along with many others, am also a caregiver for my 95-year-old Mom and provide support to my great-grandchildren as their parents earn a living. To help support my family, the virtual environment allows me to provide meaningful feedback and participate in topics impacting my community.

Without stating the noticeable (traffic and weather) of the virtual environment, I will list a few others, such as:

- More participation from professional volunteers such as legal, educational, scientific, entrepreneurs, organizations like AARP, Positive Aging, etc.
- It allows elderly professionals to provide input to topics that aid with City Council and state legislators bills that impact Virginians.
- Promotes participation to areas one cannot participate in due to time, traffic, and family constraints.

I URGE you to join in and pass HB 2050.

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