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I wanted to add my voice to those who support the expansion of online meetings for public bodies. I have been involved with Commissions on Aging, all of whose members are volunteers. The Commissions get much more participation from members and from the public when meetings are online. Many participants have difficulty getting to meetings because of mobility issues, night driving or hearing limitations during the meetings. Electronic meetings eliminate all those and similar problems.

Having participated in electronic meetings, I can see facial responses of any of the members who have their camera on. I have never felt that something is occurring that I cannot see.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing all the meetings to be electronic.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has, [Margaret Mead]