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FOIA Council,

Thank you for your service on the FOIA Council.

I am writing in support of the Modernize the Electronic Participation Law, which I believe, if passed will tremendously help all citizens to participate more fully in our democracy. Something we should all want and encourage in today's environment.

We all benefit from a government that reflects our community and includes a diversity of voices and experiences.

I support increasing flexibility for electronic meetings outside of an emergency as this can make participation in such meetings more accessible for members of the public like me, as well.

I encourage you to vote this year to remove any state-level limit for how often a member may participate electronically. Please also study in 2021 how there can be further increased flexibility for meeting electronically even when there is not an emergency.

Thank you.

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