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FOIA Council,

My name is Candice Bennett. I live in Lorton, I am a member of several public bodies, including the Lorton Station Community Association, and I think it's critical that those who are members of public bodies be able to participate electronically. Over this year, we have learned how effective it can be for people to participate in meetings virtually.

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.

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