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FOIA Council,

I am a member of the Virginia bar for 21 years. We all benefit from a government that reflects our community. This includes those who are differently-abled, those who travel for work, and those who care for young children or the aged. The careful inclusion of all such members of the community can lead to a more fully considered and useful public policy for all.

I ask you to vote to remove the state limit on individual electronic participation by members of a public body. The law is plainly outdated and needs to change. Particularly in light of the current pandemic, and who knows what the future may bring, this is a modest but important change.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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