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Subject: Modernize the Electronic Meeting Law

To: <foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov>

Dear FOIA Council,

I am a member of the public and I benefit from a government, including advisory bodies, that is more accessible to all members of our community, including residents who have children, residents with disabilities, residents who lack reliable transportation, residents who travel for work, and more.

The law is outdated and needs to change. We can join a majority of other states in allowing electronic meetings outside of an emergency and contribute to a more transparent government. We have seen over the past year that electronic meetings can be effective and that they increase participation.

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