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General Assembly's Government Administration and Elections Committee

**RAISED BILL NO. 772, An Act Concerning the Freedom of Information Act**

**Senator Slossberg, Representative Spallone, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,**

In recent years state and local government have found creative means to utilize technology as a means to keep citizens informed. Raised Bill 772 attempts to make some modifications to the recently adopted law that requires the posting of public notices on the Internet. Although the intent of the proposed modifications hold some validity, there remains much left to be done for this law to be more efficient and adaptable for all stakeholders.

Currently, there are several proposals which call for further modification of the new law. This clearly implies that there is a prevailing interest to make changes.

Because we all have a common interest in open government, Raised Bill No. 772 does not satisfy the need for additional changes in the law. I urge you to consider appointing a committee of stakeholders to find a better way to make the concept of web posting work more effectively. This action will provide the opportunity to bring forth recommendations based on the input of each stakeholder. Ultimately, this will significantly improve what is now in place.

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