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> H2816 An Act to permit enhanced public access to deliberations of public bodies RE:

and to permit improved efficiency of public bodies

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Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,

Thank you for considering H2816, An Act to permit enhanced public access to deliberations of public bodies and to permit improved efficiency of public bodies before your committee on October 27th.

This bill would give public bodies the option to have a public internet discussion on certain topics. This would enable the process to be speedier and more transparent. Having the forum online would enable people who, because of work, disability, or other reasons, are unable to attend a physical meeting to participate in the democratic process.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that H2816, An Act to permit enhanced public access to deliberations of public bodies and to permit improved efficiency of public bodies released favorably and expeditiously from your committee. Sincerely,

Paul Heroux