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HB24-1303 CO Open Meetings Law for the GA

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Kathleen Gegner For themselves	<p>Members of the Judiciary Committee,</p> <p>I am submitting this brief written testimony on behalf of myself, in support of HB 24-1303.</p> <p>In HB 24-1303, I support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The definitive recognition that serial meetings are a violation of COML- The disallowance of exchanging electronic written communication related to public business during a meeting of a quorum of the General Assembly- The disallowance of using electronic written communication to circumvent a contemporaneous quorum of the General Assembly, where public business is discussed- The added clarity about what public meeting notices and minutes should contain- The tenor and contents of the findings and declarations in 24-6-40(2)(g)(l), which recognize the challenges with COML as it exists today; include statements that are actually reflected in the substance of the bill; and the establishment of commitments and expectations of the General Assembly that appear to be earnest and honest <p>The enactment of SB 24-157, and specifically the narrowed definition of "public business," has ramifications in HB 24-1303, where that term is used. I don't support the more limited definition of "public business," as enacted through SB 24-157, so the provisions of HB 24-1303 that now refer to that more limited definition may need to be reconsidered.</p>

	Please vote yes on HB 24-1303. Thank you.
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