

To the House Committee on Judiciary

I am writing to support House Bill 2617 to protect the audio recording of meetings in Homeowner's Associations. I believe audio recording should be allowed in order to provide accountability and transparency. Also, when a meeting is able to be recorded:

Written information, including meeting minutes, are far less likely to be able to be altered or forgotten, adding to credibility.

It may be difficult for the Secretary to write everything important down as fast as a person speaks or if, for example the speaker is referring to names, things or documents that have been discussed privately or that are not immediately accessible.

People may be more thoughtful before speaking if they are being audio recorded. This saves time and regret and is more efficient.

Speakers (including homeowners) cannot be misquoted. Being misquoted can and has had, dangerous and costly repercussions, such as being chastened, ostracized or fined (and fines can be exorbitant) for saying something that was not really said.

People who can't attend the meeting can listen to it later.

But again most importantly, audio recordings are needed to provide an oversight, resulting in much-needed clarity of information during HOA related meetings

Thank you for your attention

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