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I am writing in support of SB15. Unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts I am unable to be present. Being 300 miles from the capital means a larger window of time is needed for me to be there. Electronic attendance would have been helpful. It is because of these real world conflicts that it is important for school boards to have every tool possible to conduct the important business of guiding our schools into the future.

In our remote mountain community weather or business travel can prevent board members from attending meetings. We have found that every member's views and opinions are important and varied. We are stronger with the participation of all voices.

In addition to wanting to have full participation of the sitting board as we look ahead to potential candidates we have found that some of our most qualified candidates travel for business and being responsible individuals will not consider running. We may have a higher percentage of citizens who need to travel for their work than other communities. We need the strongest pool of candidates possible to fill vacancies. Our town council has electronic attendance and voting. Kath Jett is a strong voice on the Telluride Town Council while attending electronically when needed.

I understand that some school boards already avail themselves of electronic attendance. When we contacted our legal council we were told that the current law is not clear and a conservative interpretation disallows voting when not physically present. Many school boards have followed this conservative interpretation.

Please pass SB15 to bring clarity to the law and give all School Boards another tool to help conduct the important business of education.

Thank you for your time,
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