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1 Lost opportunities to persuade

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 It's important that Brattleboro voters understand how
5 giving up Town Meeting deliberations (whether open or
6 representative) in favor of Australian ballot voting is giving up
7 their voice.

8 Yes, people can register approval or opposition with their
9 vote, but they will be giving up the opportunity to persuade
10 others of their view beyond the uncertain audiences of social and
11 traditional media.

12 And on the other side of the coin, they are giving up the
13 opportunity to hear perspectives from other points of view that
14 might inform their vote as what is the best outcome for the
15 community.

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16 The writer represents District 8 as a member of
17 Brattleboro’s Representative Town Meeting.

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