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RE: Open Meeting Act Training on October 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

To: All Elected Officials and Appointed Board Members of Effingham County

Fellow Public Servants of Effingham County,

Recently, several complaints have been lodged against Effingham County alleging violations of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon, initial review, I believe a few of these complaints have merit. While the evidence suggests these OMA violations were unintentional and simply honest mistakes, the public deserves better.

As a way to eliminate future problems with OMA, my office has scheduled an OMA training for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the EMA Building, on Miracle Ave. At this training, attorneys from the Illinois Attorney General's Office will provide practical education on the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Also, public officials will be able to ask any questions about OMA and to receive quick feedback. This training should improve our ability to avoid common mistakes involving OMA.

In closing, Chairman Niemann and I strongly urge you to attend this training. As public officials of Effingham County, we are obligated to improve ourselves as public servants. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan M. Kibler".

Bryan M. Kibler  
Effingham County State's Attorney

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