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Date: 4th December 2020 17:56

Your Full Name:
Alyson Roberts

Email Address:
Alyson.roberts86@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Virtual or Delayed Session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on Montana, and while there is light at the end of the tunnel, it won't end by January 4, 2021. For the sake of your health, the health of your colleagues, the health of staff members, and the health of your constituents, please follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials and either hold the session virtually or delay the start. I understand that significant work has gone into creating ways that the business of the people can all be conducted virtually. We live in the 21st century, and we have the tools and technology at our fingertips that make holding this session virtually quite easy. Let's show how innovative Montanans are by using technology to safely hold the 2021 Montana Legislature. Thank you for your time, Alyson Roberts Belgrade, MT

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Your Full Name:

N. Swanson

Email Address:

nsswanson04@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislators MUST follow Health Guidelines

Your Comment:

Legislators who refuse to recognize the seriousness of this virus are irresponsible! Meet virtually. No excuses and cover your nose and mouth.

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Your Full Name:
Emily Currier

Email Address:
egirlsmama@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Please hold the 2021 MT Legislature virtually.

Your Comment:
Please hold the 2021 MT Legislative session virtually. This is the only way to ensure the health and well-being of legislators, staff, advocates, and the public. My daughter is an advocate who will be working daily with legislators. Please do not put her and the many other dedicated public servants at risk. Our Montana communities deserve to have the people's business done in the safest manner possible during this pandemic.

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Your Full Name:

Lynne

Email Address:

Lrdickman@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Holding sessions virtually

Your Comment:

Set an example- and be safe. Hold your session virtually. The vaccine will be available soon.

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Your Full Name:
Heather Ellsworth

Email Address:
coleuslilacs@hotmail.com

Subject Line:
In person sessions versus remote sessions

Your Comment:
Please, for the love of Montanans, DO NOT hold in person sessions. I am a healthcare worker, and I'm shamelessly begging you to make the harder, but safer decision to hold sessions remotely. You're making a decision that has a huge ripple effect: affecting your families, all the staffers including "invisible" ones like maintenance and cleaners, all the healthcare workers across Montana. Since you are from every corner of our state, you have great potential to harm many communities and individuals. Lots of Montanans have been asked to sacrifice as a result of this virus, make the tough choice and be remote.

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Your Full Name:
Kate Ryan

Email Address:
katiej.ryan@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Meetings

Your Comment:
Please meet virtually for health reasons.

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Your Full Name:
Thyrza Zabriskie

Email Address:
gtzabs@icloud.com

Subject Line:
covid - 19 and meetings

Your Comment:
Dear Committee Members, The COVID-19 pandemic continues . Please consider meetings via Zoom or Google or whatever from January 4, 2021. For the sake of your health, the health of your colleagues, the health of staff members, and the health of your constituents, please follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials and either hold the session virtually or delay the start. Let's all be safe! Respectfully,
Thyrza Zabriskie (88years)

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Your Full Name:
Carey Bennett

Email Address:
careyjeanbennett@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Health recommendations

Your Comment:
I ask that the legislature please follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials and either hold the session virtually or delay the start.

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Your Full Name:
Marilou Turrentine

Email Address:
mturrentin@aol.com

Subject Line:
Legislative sessions

Your Comment:
Please hold the legislative sessions virtually, for the safety of the legislators and their families and constituents. This should not be seen as a political issue, but rather a health issue.

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Your Full Name:
Colin Moravec

Email Address:
moraveccolin@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Rules and Regulations

Your Comment:
To Whom It May Concern: As a Montana resident it is my upmost concern that public health and public safety should be held to the highest standard while we are facing a pandemic. The technology infrastructure is in place to run government and legislative sessions not in person, rather over virtual means. I strongly urge my fellow Montanans to consider using our technology to continue to protect public health. Kind regards, Colin

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Your Full Name:
Dennis Jorgensen

Email Address:
djdansk23@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Virtual legislative session

Your Comment:
For the health of our legislators, legislative staff, and all their constituents in the state of Montana, I believe it is in all of our best interests to keep the upcoming Montana legislative session virtual until a COVID vaccine has been widely distributed in the state. Thank you for your consideration. Dennis Jorgensen, resident of Bozeman Montana.

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Your Full Name:
Jan Strout

Email Address:
janchangethatworks@yahoo.com

Subject Line:
Virtual 2021 Legislative Session

Your Comment:

I am an older adult who is in the most vulnerable group of our COVID Pandemic. I have voted in every, yes, every election, write many letters to the editor and contact my elected Representatives when there are issues I care about. I do NOT want to lose my right to participate in this 2021 session if you don't decide to hold it virtually using the newer technology available to all. Should you hold this Session in person, not only I would lose that right, but it could become a COVID super-spreader event harming hundreds or more of our Montana neighbors. While there is a vaccine forthcoming, most of us will not have access until the Session is over. Please allow all of us to participate safely and in keeping with the principles of Democracy. Thank you for your strongest consideration. Jan Strout, Bozeman

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Your Full Name:
Justin S Whitaker

Email Address:
buddhistethics@gmail.com

Subject Line:
COVID protocols

Your Comment:
I'd like to voice my concern over in-person legislative activities in the upcoming session. As we know, the coronavirus pandemic is at its peak currently in the US and may be worse in January. Please plan to conduct all activities via zoom and/or delay any inessential business until the summer. If meetings are conducted in person, please ensure that there is social distancing and that masks are mandatory. Installing good air-flow systems and air purifiers throughout the capitol would be good too if any business is to be conducted there. With thanks from a concerned citizen.

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Your Full Name:
Mariah Haaser

Email Address:
meohmya91@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Transparency

Your Comment:
I want our right to transparent government proceedings upheld. Please consider the people who elected you in when making decisions for this year.

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Your Full Name:

Jerilyn Lessley

Email Address:

lessleyj@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Holding legislative session on line

Your Comment:

For the safety of everyone, you shouldn't meet in person. You can either be online or postpone the session. If 5th graders ca work remotely,you should be able to.

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Your Full Name:
Gail and John Richardson

Email Address:
envirogail@q.com

Subject Line:
2021 legislative session

Your Comment:
We urge you to either conduct the legislative session virtually or wait until a vaccine is widely available to Montanans. Otherwise, you would needlessly be putting Montanans' lives at risk from covid 19. Watching Republicans gathering in Helena recently mostly without masks was really disheartening. It seems you don't really care. But you serve all of the people of MT; please start acting like it.

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Your Full Name:
Hilary Parker

Email Address:
hilarywparker@yahoo.com

Subject Line:
Hold the legislative session virtually

Your Comment:
It is imperative to my small business that we stop Covid from marching across Montana. My employees have kids in quarantine from positive schoolmates, so they can't come to work. Holding the session virtually will send the signal that you understand the needs of small businesses. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:
Clinton Nagel

Email Address:
clint_nagel@yahoo.com

Subject Line:
Hold the 2021 Montana State Legislature virtually

Your Comment:
Dear Joint Rules Committee: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the rise of cases and deaths in Montana and across our country, the most prudent and wise thing to do is to either hold the 2021 Montana Legislature session virtually or either post pone the session until vaccinations have become more of the mainstream general public. You must be mindful and pay attention to the supporting staff and operating personnel that most likely will not have a choice in this decision. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:
Nicole Rosenleaf Ritter

Email Address:
rosenleaf@aya.yale.edu

Subject Line:
Remote work

Your Comment:
Please make a plan to keep both the legislators and the people they serve safe by holding sessions remotely whenever possible and requiring masks when in-person sessions cannot be avoided. You owe it to the healthcare workers of Montana if no one else to show some of that much-discussed "personal responsibility."

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Your Full Name:
Virginia Caplette

Email Address:
vjennac@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Legislative session

Your Comment:
For the well being of your fellow citizens, please delay the legislative session until summer when a vaccine has been available.

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