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Date: 5th December 2020 11:20

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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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:

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:

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:

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:

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:
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:

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:
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:

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 utmost 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:
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:

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:

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:

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:
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:

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:

Emily Carrier

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:

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:

Robert Wiersma

Email Address:

bobwiersma1322@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In virtual meetings of the legislature

Your Comment:

How will the public be involved. Would the whole virtual meeting and conferences between legislators be televised?

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Your Full Name:

RaLea

Email Address:

ralea.jo@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual session

Your Comment:

Please hold all legislative sessions virtually, for public safety and accessibility.

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Your Full Name:

Jamie Guenther

Email Address:

jlg sak@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Go Remote for Session

Your Comment:

I urge MT legislators to conduct the upcoming session remotely (zoom) to protect the health of Helena residents. Please follow the guidance of the Lewis & Clark County public health department. The recent meetings with legislators flouting safety guidelines at the state capitol building---maskless and not social distancing.... it was dangerous and SHAMEFUL. As legislators, it's your responsibility to look out for the best interests of ALL MONTANAN's. To model good behavior. I live near Helena and conduct all of my business there. Please don't allow this dangerous behavior to kill Helena residents. Holding meetings remotely may not be ideal, but it is safe for you, your constituents, and for me. Alternately, Legislature could hold off to meet until next summer when hopefully most folks will be vaccinated. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Mike Bale

Email Address:

mikegwenbale@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Up coming session.

Your Comment:

I think the people of Montana would be best served by delaying the up coming session of the Montana Legislature until April 1st.

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Your Full Name:
Robin Pleninger

Email Address:
robin.pleninger@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Upcoming Legislature Session

Your Comment:
Please vote to hold the sessions remotely or postpone until a vaccine is available. It is reckless and sets a bad example for your constituents when you gather indoors. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Corey Cejka

Email Address:

corey.cejka@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In-person legislative session

Your Comment:

There should be no in-person legislative session until deaths and cases are at zero in our state and the states bordering us. Frankly, I don't mind if the conservatives get coronavirus, but they might kill someone who's actually useful.

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Your Full Name:

Denise Albrecht

Email Address:

denise.albrecht505@earthlink.net

Subject Line:

Montana 2021 leg session

Your Comment:

For safety of legislators, families, friends and citizens.....should have virtual session.

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Your Full Name:

Betty Stroock

Email Address:

bstroock@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Urge that 2021 Legislative session be held virtually or postponed until vaccine widely distributed

Your Comment:

The deadly Covid virus continues to plague Montana, with ever more damaging and deadly consequences. The pandemic has not yet been brought under any semblance of control. The number of Montanans suffering active infections and the number of fatalities from this disease have increased to alarming proportions, and continue to escalate. Montana's medical professionals and hospitals are stretched to their capacity and beyond. And there is no end in sight. The pandemic promises only to worsen through the upcoming winter months. Given these on-the-ground facts, convening a normal in-person session of the Montana State Legislature on January 4, 2021, would be irresponsible. I urge the Joint Rules Committee vote to protect all Montanans - including political leaders, legislators, governmental staff, lobbyists, visitors and the wider public - by following the recommendations of the Lewis and Clark County Board of Health and other health professionals across our state. Please vote either to hold the 2021 legislative session only virtually or to delay its start until such time as a vaccine has become widely available. Montanans should never be put in the awkward position of having to choose between protecting themselves and their loved ones from this deadly disease or participating in workings of our state government. Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtful consideration.

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Your Full Name:

Laura Morss

Email Address:

lauramorss101406@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Upcoming session

Your Comment:

Please do not deprive the public of the right to observe the deliberations of agencies of our state government or the right to share their testimony! No virtual sessions! Wear a mask, social distance, wash hands, and let us continue to have transparent government. Thank you for all your hard work! - Missoula resident, UM alumna

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Your Full Name:

Aleksi Rapkin

Email Address:

aleksi1840@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Hold virtual legislative session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, The COVID-19 pandemic won't be gone January 4, 2021. For the everyone's health: 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. Thank you Aleksi Rapkin Bozeman , MT

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Your Full Name:
Patricia M Denke

Email Address:
pattydenke@aol.com

Subject Line:
Virtual session

Your Comment:

I feel it is imperative that the upcoming legislative session be held virtually. There are many advantages to in person meetings. A large portion of the work does not take place in the formal meetings. But these are extraordinary times. Montana is a small state, population wise, and our elected leaders are not just elected leaders in Helena. They are also essential parts of their communities. We don't have that many people like them. We can't, as a state, afford to send them to Helena this year. It is stressful to begin with. It reduces their ability to stay healthy (and sane) and it would take only one legislator or visitor to infect, and potentially damage or kill, several of our valuable leaders. We can't afford that. Better they should meet via virtual methods. Better they should each have a publicly provided smart phone or whatever it takes to use for official business, and, if necessary, sit in their vehicle at the pullout where cell phones work. Among other things, perhaps it would really bring home what "rural connectivity" means.

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Your Full Name:

Ita Killeen

Email Address:

ikilleen@bridgergeoplan.com

Subject Line:

Legislative session Covid 19 precautions

Your Comment:

Dear Representatives, Please adhere to public health guidelines and hold the 2021 legislative session online. We need to have our legislators and their staff safe, as well as the surrounding community. Following common sense public health guidelines can result in lowering the infection rate for Covid19 and this is what will bring back our economy! Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the State of Montana. Keep Montanans safe! Ita Killeen MD

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Your Full Name:

Faye boom

Email Address:

fdboom@gmail.com

Subject Line:

New rules

Your Comment:

I would like the members of the legislature to step up and be good examples by encouraging legislative meetings, debate, and public comment to be held on line. If the members of the legislature meet in person and get widespread coronavirus, Montana will have to go without the benefit of their actions. If member of the public cannot go in person to the capital to submit their comments, the legislature will have to go without the benefit of know what the public wants.

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Darrah Famighetti

Email Address:
darrahanne@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Please Set a Good Example

Your Comment:

I would respectfully request that you hold session either remotely or masked and socially distanced. This is asked not as an attempt to control you simply as a kindness to your fellow Montanans. Our healthcare workers in Billings, for example are stretched so thin and we simply MUST do all we can to lighten their loads. A long time well respected physician at Billings Clinic just passed away of Covis. I would ask that in the memory of the many Montanans who have passed from this virus and out of respect for healthcare workers, you do mask up and be responsible.

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Date: 5th December 2020 17:00

Your Full Name:
Shannon Thomas

Email Address:
mtshan73198@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Hold the Session Virtually or Delay the Session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, As a resident of Lewis and Clark County and Helena, I was stunned by the recent actions of state legislators ignoring health protocols and being in our Government facilities unmasked and in close contact. I fully support my Lewis and Clark County health officials who subsequently called for the session to be held virtually or for the start to be delayed. We are in a public health crisis. Our healthcare workers are pleading for us to follow basic directives as our hospitals reach capacity. There is no reason this session cannot be held virtually. My city cannot afford to have legislators in session who will drive up our numbers with their lack of consideration. Vaccinations are on the way. For the sake of legislators, staff, advocates and the public listen to health officials and go virtual or delay this session until vaccines are accessible. Sincerely, Shannon Kinsella Thomas Helena, Montana

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Your Full Name:
Maria Weyrauch

Email Address:
msweyrauch@tutanota.com

Subject Line:
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Your Comment:

I applaud any elected official who fights for having open Legislative session and fights for citizens' rights to participate in person at hearings in the people's House. Thank you. For the Legislators who are fearful of being out in public and of doing the job they were elected. They need to immediately resign. Being present to listen to constituents is a HUGE part of the JOB, and if they do not show up, please make rules that they are NOT allowed to VOTE. With that, please do not attempt to mandate masks or any face coverings for citizens to attend. People have had enough. #RedWave

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Date: 5th December 2020 17:21

Your Full Name:

Bruce Gourley

Email Address:

bgaccount@yellowstone.net

Subject Line:

Pro-Life Pandemic Protocols

Your Comment:

The upcoming session of the 2021 Legislature will take place during the height of the COVID pandemic. Many legislators consider themselves to be pro-life. We know that wearing masks and social distancing saves lives; masks are pro-life. Refusing to wear masks or socially distance, on the other hand, leads to more deaths. Mandating and enforcing masks and social distancing during the session will be an affirmation of respecting life. But if this is not possible, if masks and social distancing cannot be mandated, out of respect for the lives and health of your families, the families of staff and advocates, other Montana families, and the health care warriors on the front line of the pandemic, the only pro-life option is to hold the 2021 legislative session virtually. In so doing the legislature would choose life over death. I hope that history will record that during this time of life or death, Montana legislators chose life.

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Your Full Name:

Sandra Sweeney

Email Address:

2604skswweeney@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Meetings

Your Comment:

Please plan, for the safety of all Montanans , to make all meetings and committee work and hearings virtual only.

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Your Full Name:

Nike G Stevens

Email Address:

stevenswildlife@earthlink.net

Subject Line:

Virtual meeting in 2021

Your Comment:

In the interest of keeping all legislators and staff safe I urge you to hold the 2021 legislative session remotely or postpone it a few months until members can be vaccinated.

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Your Full Name:

Christina Hayes

Email Address:

hayes.christina@gmail.com

Subject Line:

meeting online

Your Comment:

Please hold your meetings virtually or delay them for the safety and well-being of everyone. Please do this also to serve as an example for the rest of the state citizens.

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Date: 5th December 2020 18:20

Your Full Name:
Molly Arrandale

Email Address:
arrmol03@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Pandemic session protocol

Your Comment:

I'm ashamed to say that this is my first time submitting a comment to the Joint Rules Committee. I think that to do so can be intimidating to a first-timer. I am doing so because I feel strongly that the Legislature should meet and/or schedule the upcoming session by whatever means best models how to behave in a public health crisis. I know that there are many people who have misinformed views about the effectiveness and necessity of our public health measures. I also know many people who are furious at public officials who flaunt public health rules and best practices for their own convenience and comfort. If the people of Montana see our Legislature behaving like kids throwing a tantrum over having to follow the rules, I don't know how you can claim to be a legitimate governing body. Please show us the best of ourselves, not the worst. Take this seriously, please.

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Your Full Name:

Cindy Gockel

Email Address:

redrockcin2@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual meetings

Your Comment:

Please demonstrate your good judgment and concern for other people by holding all meetings virtually this legislative session.

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Your Full Name:

Jolene Crum

Email Address:

jolenecrum@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In person comments

Your Comment:

As you prepare for the coming session do not cave into pressure to prevent the public from speaking in person. We need more transparency in government, not less.

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Date: 5th December 2020 18:36

Your Full Name:

Paul Kanning

Email Address:

mtkanning@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislating amidst a pandemic

Your Comment:

I am quite sure you will receive many suggestions to convene the Legislature remotely due to covid. Instead, I suggest a blend of remote and in-person meetings. Committee meetings held remotely would allow public safe participation. However, in order for you to truly represent the People, you must have in-person interaction amongst yourselves in order to develop trust, deliberate alternatives, and seek compromises in legislation. It may require new and unique processes, but I ask you to find a way to meet, to legislate, and to represent together, while also abating the risk through safe measures.

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Your Full Name:

Julie Wray

Email Address:

juliewray72@protonmail.com

Subject Line:

2021 legislature

Your Comment:

Honorable Committee Members, I understand that there is hesitation about meeting in person and also allowing the public to attend, but as duly elected officials and representatives of the people of Montana, you have a job to do and it means meeting with your colleagues and the public. The people of Montana also have a Constitutional right to be heard in all things regarding legislation. I am asking that you rise above the fear and manipulation of the media and tyranny and have courage and integrity to hold the legislature in person, not cowering behind a computer screen or a mask, for that matter. Sincerely, Julie Wray Shelby, Toole county

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Your Full Name:

Adrienne Beigh

Email Address:

aebeigh@gmail.com

Subject Line:

open legislative session

Your Comment:

Thank you, elected officials who are fighting for having an open Legislative session and for citizens' rights to participate in person at hearings that have direct bearing on our lives. Legislators who fear the public and refuse to do the job they were elected to do should resign if they cannot complete the job they hold to UPHOLD transparency and listen to their constituents in person. Such legislators who choose to be absent out of fear should also not be allowed to vote. Additionally, I urge you to forgo attempts to mandate masks or any face coverings for citizens to attend. Encourage unhealthy people to stay home, but do not treat healthy people as contagion-ridden criminals. The farce of mask-efficacy does not need to be perpetuated.

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Your Full Name:

Glenda Barnes

Email Address:

Glenda_bar@msn.com

Subject Line:

Legislative Session Meeting Safely

Your Comment:

Please follow the recommendations of the Lewis and Clark County health department by holding all meetings virtually or delay the session until vaccinations have proven their efficacy for Covid 19.

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer Olsen

Email Address:

Ittybittyoil@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In-person legislative session

Your Comment:

I am in strong SUPPORT of having open and accessible to the public hearings and Capitol. The people must be involved in our government processes.

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Date: 5th December 2020 19:43

Your Full Name:

Violet Hopkins

Email Address:

violetolivia@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Wear a Mask

Your Comment:

Healthcare workers around the state are BEGGING Montanans to wear masks and practice social distancing so its incomprehensible to me how our dually elected officials could ignore their pleas and consider meeting in person with no masks. It's not political, its science, so set an example and wear a mask!

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Date: 5th December 2020 19:47

Your Full Name:

Ashley

Email Address:

wildwomanfarm@gmail.com

Subject Line:

public hearings and the Capitol

Your Comment:

we should have public hearings and the Capitol should be open.

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Your Full Name:

Linda Carlson

Email Address:

netherland125@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Public Hearings

Your Comment:

I SUPPORT open and accessible public hearings and Capitol.

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Date: 5th December 2020 19:58

Your Full Name:

Keri

Email Address:

Kerizwerner@therapyssecure.com

Subject Line:

Virtual meetings - BE LEADERS!

Your Comment:

Show some intelligence and leadership... GOP-led legislature shown maskless at recent meeting. Disgusting and an insult to our medical community and all those who have lost loved ones. BE LEADERS. WE ARE IN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC. BE RESPONSIBLE. YOU SHOULD ONLY MEET VIRTUALLY. AND IF IN PERSON, DISTANCED AND WITH MASKS. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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Date: 5th December 2020 20:19

Your Full Name:

Luylla

Email Address:

Luylla.claar@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislators meeting to work.

Your Comment:

I am for our legislators getting courage and meeting. No show no pay check and resigning from your office.

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Date: 5th December 2020 20:26

Your Full Name:

Melissa Smith

Email Address:

mls3ster@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Remote Session

Your Comment:

Dear Joint Rules Committee - please seriously consider a remote session for the Montana Legislature for your safety, your families safety and the safety of all Montana communities. We are looking to your leadership to keep Covid-19 from overwhelming our hospitals and medical personnel during the winter months when it is easier to spread the virus. Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: 5th December 2020 20:40

Your Full Name:

Anne Millbrooke

Email Address:

anne27m@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Meet virtually, Legislators

Your Comment:

I appreciate all the Montana residents who wear masks and maintain their distance in public during these infectious times. I appreciate the health care workers, public health efforts, and the Boards of Health for trying to make my community, my county, and my state safe for all residents and visitors. I expect our election officials to support the public health efforts by complying with science-based and proven-effective measures such as masking, social distancing, hand washing, AND meeting virtually. Please establish virtual meetings as the rule for the legislative session soon to convene. I do not understand the heart, if any, of those who by their deeds try to cull the population of people vulnerable to this particular coronavirus. Infecting, injuring, and killing people who are vulnerable, and some healthy people in the process, is not a Montana value, an American value, nor a Judeo-Christian value. Public health has been a government function since the colonies opened government quarantine hospitals, and the states and municipalities mandated water and sewer systems starting in the nineteenth century. Governments imposed the business closures and social distancing regulations of the pandemic of 1918-1919 (and those communities benefited financially from having a healthy population). From mandatory vaccination of Revolutionary War soldiers to vaccination programs that eradicated polio from this country and current vaccination efforts to stop measles and other infectious diseases, American governments at all levels have tried to protect the American people from harm. Shame and mercy on those who insist that they have the right to infect others, to cause permanent organ damage in others, and even to kill. None of the major religions of the world, not even atheistic or agnostic believers, advocate unrestrained white male behavior. That was the Russian Jewish immigrant who became the prophetess of selfishness under the adopted Aryan name of Ayn Rand. That was, and is, bull! Again, thank you to all who mask, maintain social distance, and work to make the our little corner of the world safe for all of us. PLEASE meet virtually so that our Montana state legislators and employees, and the people with whom they have contact, may be healthy. Sincerely, Anne Millbrooke Bozeman

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Your Full Name:

Gary Myers

Email Address:

montanaschnzr@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Session

Your Comment:

This session should be held virtually or delayed.

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Date: 5th December 2020 21:48

Your Full Name:

Chris Dexter

Email Address:

chrisdexter@msn.com

Subject Line:

Upcoming Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Delay the session or do the entire session remotely— do NOT risk lives

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Your Full Name:
Hannah Lowder

Email Address:
trixie232002@hotmail.com

Subject Line:
Upcoming 2021 session.

Your Comment:

I applaud any elected official who fights for having open Legislative session and fights for citizens' rights to participate in person at hearings in the people's House. Thank you. Walmart, Albertsons, Sams Club, Costco etc. are open and have been all year conducting business in person. It's their job. Being present to listen to constituents is a part of your job. Thank you for your consideration.

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Your Full Name:
Patricia Peppers

Email Address:
badger497@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Legislative Session 2021

Your Comment:
Request that legislature convene remotely for the safety of everyone.

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Your Full Name:

Vicky O'Hara

Email Address:

Vickyohara63@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

its time to get down to business

Your Comment:

no more shut downs and that includes the legislature. This is a farce, you and we have work to be done for Montana!
Get it done, thank you.

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Date: 5th December 2020 22:52

Your Full Name:

Mary Jennifer Allen

Email Address:

mmallen58@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Concern that the legislature be run virtually

Your Comment:

The pandemic in Montana continues to run rampant in our state and place our communities at risk. Please allow the legislature to run virtually, as has already been recommended to you by our public health and medical professionals. Please make it possible for all legislators, legislative staff, and the public to be safe while serving our state. I have attended interim Rules Committee meetings and know that our quality staff have already been working to make a smooth virtual or hybrid session possible. Thank you for listening to your concerned constituents.

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Your Full Name:

Tara Lee

Email Address:

hinestara@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Session

Your Comment:

Please hold the session virtually or delay until everyone is able to be vaccinated. For the safety of our representatives.
Thank You.

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Your Full Name:

Kathleen

Email Address:

katchmoleen@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In Person Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Given how voting went this election, the people of Montana expect our legislators to show up in person, buckle down, and get to work. All over Montana, thousands of hardworking people report to work each day because it's part of the job. Whether they are healthcare workers, policemen, daycare workers, grocery store employees, construction workers, restaurant cooks, or whatever, we expect them to show up and do their jobs. You have the same obligation. I also expect you to preserve my constitutionally guaranteed right to participate in my government by attending and testifying at hearings. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Cheryl Tusken

Email Address:

ctusken@protonmail.com

Subject Line:

Meeting in Person

Your Comment:

Dear Legislators, I am writing to implore you all to meet in person for the 2021 Legislative session and allow in-person public comment. Legislators are very essential to our democracy as you are The People's representatives and would likewise fail to adequately represent Montanans via online meetings nor hear The People via faceless Zoom meetings. Human interaction has been greatly limited in 2020 and we have seen first hand how pushing The People into the shadows of an online web meeting detached the representatives from those they mean to represent. Much meaning and understanding is lost through these web meetings, and this moment in history is far too dire to take a passive roll in legislating. If Walmart, Costco, Lowe's, Home Depot and every grocery store can safely remain open while serving hundreds of customers at any given moment, the Legislature can meet IN PERSON and receive public comment IN PERSON. Continue following proper hygiene protocols and do your job. Montanans elected you to carry the torch of Liberty, to strike down laws that are unfair, and to further create boundaries against out of control tyrant leaders. You must meet fully in person. We are counting on you to preserve our Constitution and freedoms. Sincerely, Cheryl Tusken Bozeman

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Your Full Name:

Kari

Email Address:

kari123171@gmail.com

Subject Line:

On line meetings and session

Your Comment:

You live and work in the State of Montana. You are elected as legislators of this amazing state. You have no right to meet in person face to face and spread this virus anymore than it is already being spread. All state agencies are working as remotely as they can. You need to use your leadership skills and do what is right for the state of Montana. It is not easy to do anything remotely, but it is THE RIGHT THING TO DO.!!

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Date: 5th December 2020 23:43

Your Full Name:

Tara

Email Address:

tivanovitch1@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Hold session online or postpone

Your Comment:

To whom it may concern, As a registered voter in Montana I must insist you follow social distancing guideline for the health and wellness of all our citizens, and as examples to our community members. Therefore, you should hold legislative sessions virtually and/or postpone meeting in person until it is safe to do so. We must listen to the experts. Health and wellness is not a political issue, and the safety guidelines during this pandemic are clear

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Date: 6th December 2020 00:27

Your Full Name:

Barbara Calahan

Email Address:

barbaracalahan7@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In-Person & Open Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Dear Joint Rules Committee of the Montana State Legislature, In regards to the debate currently happening as it pertains to in-person and open to the public legislative session, it is really not necessary to waste any more time debating. There absolutely should be an in-person and open to the public legislative session without question. It is my understanding the Committee will meet Monday to decide. Please make that decision swift and unanimous and send a clear message that the legislature is here to do the people's work and get our state back open and allow our economy and businesses to recover. Too many people have suffered and too many small businesses have been permanently lost. It's time to get to work and there is absolutely no basis for those who say the session can't be in person. Thank you! Sincerely, Barbara Calahan

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Your Full Name:
Elizabeth McCambridge

Email Address:
liz@carletonmccambridge.com

Subject Line:
It's not rocket science!

Your Comment:
Gianforte said that addressing the COVID-19 pandemic will be his administration's top priority once he takes office Jan. 4. He should require the MT legislature to meet virtually, if he's a man of his word. Not wearing masks or meeting in person is just plain stupid.

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Your Full Name:

Lindy Cubberley

Email Address:

lcubberley@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Session

Your Comment:

In light of a surging Covid-19 pandemic in Montana, I am asking that the Joint Rules Committee hold an entire virtual session of the 2021 Legislature. Nurses and Healthcare workers, especially those on the front lines, are risking their lives and the lives of their families every day as they care for the increasing number of covid patients. It is maxing out our healthcare systems and compromising our healthcare workers. Please, respect the science and the facts! Technology can be embraced for this session to be virtual, It will keep our communities safe and your constituents safe, moreover, potentially save the lives of the legislators, lobbyists, capital workers, and their families. Respectfully, Lindy Cubberley, RN, MS, ARNP (retired)

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Your Full Name:

Deloris Berry

Email Address:

keith_deloris@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Legislature

Your Comment:

The legislature should meet as usual, no masks and no social distancing. We want out our freedom back and as long as the democrats wants complete control we won't have it. I want a free state like South Dakota. We have seen that these masks and distancing dies not work, if it dud the numbers would not be going up daily. I truly believe this is just all corruption.

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Your Full Name:

Mark T Savinski

Email Address:

savin54@outlook.com

Subject Line:

Request for Virtual Meetings of 2021 Montana Legislature

Your Comment:

Dear Joint Rules Committee Members: The ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic continues to ravage Montana and Montanans, and while recent breakthroughs in vaccines provide a ray of hope, the Pandemic will not end by January 4, 2021. For the sake of your health, your family's health, and the health of your colleagues, staff members and constituents, please follow the recommendations of the Lewis and Clark County Board of Health and other government officials and either hold the upcoming 2021 Legislative Session virtually or delay the start of it. Significant work has gone into creating easy ways that the business of the people can be conducted virtually. We are now in the 21st century and we have the necessary tools and technology readily available that enables holding this session virtually quite easily. Let's show how innovative and forward thinking the Montana Legislature is by using available technology to safely hold the 2021 Montana Legislative session. Thank you in advance for your consideration with this important matter.

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:07

Your Full Name:

Yvonne Corbett

Email Address:

phank5@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Meetings

Your Comment:

Too many legislators are refusing to wear masks, which is creating an unsafe situation for everyone. — On Monday, December 7, the Joint Rules Committee of the Montana Legislature is meeting to decide how the upcoming session will be held. Public health officials have asked that the 2021 MT Legislature be held virtually for the health and well-being of legislators, staff, advocates, and the public. I am writing in the hope to make a difference during the upcoming session by asking the Joint Rules Committee to hold the session virtually or delay the start until vaccinations are accessible to everyone. Please consider one of those options for the safety of everyone involved.

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:10

Your Full Name:
Malcolm M Gilbert

Email Address:
malcgilbert@gmail.com

Subject Line:
2021 Session

Your Comment:

Right now, more than anything, Montanans need to see their local leaders take responsible actions to mitigate worsening of an already dire spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations. This means NOT meeting in person, and postponing until we have a vaccine readily usable by legislators, or conducting the session remotely. Neither option is ideal, but I live in Helena and it's substantially less ideal to imagine these legislators engaging with our community how they normally do, and going to and from their homes elsewhere. It's a recipe for disaster. Thank you. —Malcolm Gilbert, Helena, MT 59601

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:18

Your Full Name:

Kathleen

Email Address:

kathy@lumaclar.com

Subject Line:

2021 legislation made virtual

Your Comment:

Please either hold the 2021 legislative hearings virtually or delay until it's safe. We know better than to gather in groups right now. Our legislators should too. Thank you in advance for doing what is best health practice and leading by example. Kathleen Johnson

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Your Full Name:

Robin Hutton

Email Address:

huttro@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Virtual Legislative Session

Your Comment:

As a former healthcare worker and concerned citizen I am respectfully asking that the current legislative session be held remotely. Montana now has one of the highest incidences of COVID 19 and our own Lewis and Clark County just set a record yesterday. Large gatherings of individuals from every corner of our state will only exacerbate the rate of infection. We might have had a chance if ALL parties would do the right thing by wearing a mask and social distancing but that is apparently a mute point. All those naysayers are bringing more virus to Helena and then bringing it back home to their communities. I cannot comprehend the selfishness of a faction of our elected officials. If you cannot abide by a simple request then please stay home and do the right thing by conducting business remotely. The COVID mess will be over a lot sooner if all Montanans comply. And yes, our state will survive without wall-to-wall contact in our Capitol. If we don't , then we weren't very strong in the first place.

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Subject: Submission from Joint Rules Committee
Attachments: The real intolerance displayed by legislative representatives who fail to understand the science behind masks places everyone at risk.docx

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:22

Your Full Name:

Jeannine Brown

Email Address:

8finch@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Request for postponed session

Your Comment:

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:30

Your Full Name:

Carole Boerner

Email Address:

carole.boerner@gmail.com

Subject Line:

virtual legislature

Your Comment:

It is reckless to hold in person meetings of any kind during this covid surge. People are dying at alarming rates in the State. The burden you're putting on the citizens of Helena is unnecessary. Care about your constituents.

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:33

Your Full Name:

Ted Valentiner

Email Address:

Traildrive@Hotmail.com

Subject Line:

In Person Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Under no circumstances should the Montana legislature conducts the people's business in any setting but an in person legislative meeting. Virtual meetings are unacceptable!

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:43

Your Full Name:

Jonathan Luis Determan

Email Address:

JONATHAN.DETERMAN@GMAIL.COM

Subject Line:

Meeting Remotely

Your Comment:

Please consider meeting remotely. Having 1 location where people from all over the state gather, and more importantly RETURN to their districts is a risk the people of MT do not need. I see no valid reason the Legislature cannot meet remotely. There is no reason for the State to continue wasting funds for legislators travelling, when they can fulfill their duties from within their respective districts.

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Date: 6th December 2020 08:52

Your Full Name:

Anne Bauer

Email Address:

annetheres@tutanota.com

Subject Line:

Online sessions

Your Comment:

Please consider any way possible to convene using web conferencing tools. Helena had the highest number of Covid cases in the state Friday. Many of our more seasoned legislators and local government officials are at higher risk for serious effects if they catch covid. We need you! Please take care of yourselves and your constituents who would testify.

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:04

Your Full Name:

Linda Semones

Email Address:

lindasemones@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

how to hold the legislative session

Your Comment:

As a citizen whose family has been impacted twice now by Covid 19, I implore you to hold the next legislative session after the virus has run its course, and a vaccine is available. My husband was sick from Oct 12 to Nov 2, and just managed to get out of bed to vote. He is still sleeping at least 4 hours a day, and is fighting exhaustion. My daughter is a public school teacher, and was in such pain for 5 days that she could not get out of bed. Her back and hips were so painful that she couldn't move. Thankfully they are both recovering now. But if you think as a legislature you will be able to do your duties if you get this disease, you are mistaken. Please go to a virtual platform, or postpone the session until you are not at risk.

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:18

Your Full Name:

Jamie Dobbs

Email Address:

jamieraedobbs@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Joint Rules Committee of the Montana Legislature

Your Comment:

I'd like to formally request that the Joint Rules Committee of the Montana Legislature continue to meet virtually and avoid in person meetings until the public is vaccinated for COVID-19.

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:27

Your Full Name:
Kathleen Masis M.D.

Email Address:
kbmasis@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Legislature meeting during pandemic

Your Comment:
Please follow public health guidelines. Meeting remotely will provide more access to Montana's legislators and citizens. There is no such thing as "waiting for a vaccine" to ensure safety and efficiency.

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:37

Your Full Name:
Mary Wellemeyer

Email Address:
mwellemeyer@yahoo.com

Subject Line:
Rules on how meetings are held

Your Comment:
I want to express concern about in-person meetings of the Legislature and its committees and personnel. It's important for the functioning of our state government that meetings be held in compliance with public health requirements. I hope you will meet remotely for now.

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:46

Your Full Name:

Marni Edmiston

Email Address:

mclair71@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Health and Safety in Legislative Session

Your Comment:

I am writing to ask you to please hold the legislative session virtually. It's a safe way to continue the good work of legislation while protecting you your families, and other Montanans from Covid-19 while we wait for vaccinations. It's the right thing to do. Please do it.

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:48

Your Full Name:

Asa Hohman

Email Address:

asa.hohman@umontana.edu

Subject Line:

Sessions start date/in person

Your Comment:

Honorable Committee Women and Men I write to express my opinion that it is crucial to the open. And citizen driven legislative process in Montana that the 2021 legislative session be held live and in person. With the covid-19 concerns that seem to be escalating in Montana and with Lewis and Clark county being a small county with fewer resources I implore you to delay the start of. The legislative session until after the arrival of the recently announced vaccine. After which time the session can be held safely in person while still following protocols to lessen exposure. Thank you, Asa Hohman Missoula, MT

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Date: 6th December 2020 09:59

Your Full Name:

Raylene Short

Email Address:

Millerraylene@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

In support of legislative session

Your Comment:

Our legislators need to meet and do whatever is possible to ensure the constitution is upheld in the state of Montana. We need to stop living in fear and do what is best for Montanans and suffering Montana businesses. Put an end to government overreach and letting a few on a power trip implement unconstitutional measures to destroy our economy and communities. Thank you.

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Date: 6th December 2020 10:02

Your Full Name:

Sharon Lamar

Email Address:

lamar@blackfoot.net

Subject Line:

Public Safety

Your Comment:

Due to the danger of spreading Covid-19 to innocent citizens, I urge you to hold virtual meetings during the legislative sessions. Our health care providers are overwhelmed already. Please protect the people of the great state of Montana.
Sharon Lamar

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Your Full Name:

Melissa M Zech

Email Address:

Lisathena@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Support

Your Comment:

Our household supports a normal working government. Wr support Montana continuing to work as it should.

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Your Full Name:

Shelley

Email Address:

shelleypip@aol.cm

Subject Line:

Transparency

Your Comment:

We the people want open and public access... we are done with rule making in the dark!

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Date: 6th December 2020 10:32

Your Full Name:

Anne Dahl

Email Address:

anned@blackfoot.net

Subject Line:

Virtual meetings

Your Comment:

Please abide by the requests of Montana health professionals and hold legislative and committee meetings virtually until Covid-19 vaccines are widely available in Montana.

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Date: 6th December 2020 10:39

Your Full Name:

Sarah

Email Address:

scapp9999@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislative session in person

Your Comment:

As we can see from the factual data, C19 is no longer the deadly terrifying threat that it was first made to be. Please continue to uphold the just and fair workings of our MT government by meeting in person to debate, laugh, and make MT a better place for the years to come. Montana has the opportunity to be a shining example with innovative thinking and Constitutional process.

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Date: 6th December 2020 10:40

Your Full Name:

Disa duncan

Email Address:

disarinolywa@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

In person session.

Your Comment:

I support in person session. There is no excuse to not meet in person and maintain protocols. The rest of work on a daily basis with people, we send our kids to a classroom full of students, and we shop at Costco. There is no excuse for the legislature to not have in person session.

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Your Full Name:

Alice Robison

Email Address:

alicebprobison@gmail.com

Subject Line:

how the Legislative Session will be held starting on January 4th

Your Comment:

It is the responsibility, and the way to show leadership to all the folks in MT, that the now, all Republican Legislature, takes this moment, during a global pandemic where up to over 1,000 Montanans will eventually die of COVID -19 ,to wear masks while on Helena. Period. Your leader, now, Gianforte, has stated he will wear a mask. Follow suit. As a past rural one room School teacher, in many parts of the state, it should not be necessary to have to discipline grown men to act for the safety and good of the community, none the less, to set a good example. We teach our children this. This is not a plea, or imploring.. this is just keep us ALL safe. We already know several people who have died of the COVID here. If your political power and views become more important than saving the lives of Montanans then it is a sad day in your lives. There aren't that many people in MT compared to other states. A death is a huge blow to our communities. In several communities. I taught in, from fires in their homes to car accidents, children died and the impact was huge. Don't take peoples' deaths as not your own. They are your responsibility as elected officials. I don't care how right wing you are people are people. Act accordingly. I am in total agreement that the 2021 Legislature be held online. PERIOD. Then more of us can listen in and comment and that would be a BIG plus for democracy...not theocracy. Thank you..

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Your Full Name:

Russell k Daniels

Email Address:

rustydaniels2t@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Sessions

Your Comment:

Open to the public... You need to be up front and transparent.

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Date: 6th December 2020 10:58

Your Full Name:

Jo Berg

Email Address:

jobergmt@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Rules committee decisions

Your Comment:

Please, for the sake of the legislators, their staff, and the residents of Helena, establish a virtual meeting of the Legislature. Knowing, as you should, that COVID cases continue to escalate and are projected to continue upward climbs, create the need for extraordinary measures. Please.

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Date: 6th December 2020 11:00

Your Full Name:
Casidee Corcoran

Email Address:
casidee@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Open & Transparent Public Hearings

Your Comment:

I am submitting my comment in support of maintaining open and accessible public hearings. I will use the words of former leaders and revolutionaries to reinforce the importance of an open and transparent government: "Government should be transparent. Transparency promotes accountability and provides information for citizens about what their Government is doing . . . Government should be participatory. Public engagement enhances the Government's effectiveness and improves the quality of its decisions. Knowledge is widely dispersed in society, and public officials benefit from having access to that dispersed knowledge. Executive departments and agencies should offer Americans increased opportunities to participate in policymaking and to provide their Government with the benefits of their collective expertise and information." -Former President Barack Obama "The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them." - Patrick Henry

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Your Full Name:

Donald Hook

Email Address:

don.hook@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In person session

Your Comment:

I am writing to express my sorry for in person legislative sessions this year. The last year had seen several poorly made decisions in the name of health and safety that have no backing by medical science. This virus is not an excuse to limit the peoples access to government. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Carol Barnes

Email Address:

carbarne@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual meetings

Your Comment:

Please follow public health directives and hold your meetings virtually until a vaccine available.

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Your Full Name:

Jesse Mercer

Email Address:

deusfortunae@protonmail.com

Subject Line:

Public Hearing accessibility/right of the public to attend

Your Comment:

As a citizen that you have been elected to represent, I strongly urge you and your fellow representatives to NOT delay the public hearings or deny the right to attend in person. There are many, many of your constituents who are upset and suffering financial hardships due to these restrictions and lockdowns that quite frankly run completely contrary to what constitutes what an American is; Free, independent, self-governing, and being at liberty to seek life, liberty and pursue happiness. These lockdowns and quarantines violate these core principles of the United States. They restrict life, deny liberty and compromise the ability to pursue happiness. It is in this spirit that I strongly urge that not only do you hold these hearings without delay and NOT restrict the free citizenry's RIGHT to attend. I also demand that all views be considered and that lobbyist's, special interests and above all the love of money would be eschewed in favor of the principles of freedom, liberty and TRUTH! Thank you.

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Date: 6th December 2020 11:17

Your Full Name:

Carly

Email Address:

cbaumgarten1023@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual sessions

Your Comment:

To whom it may concern, In light of the current pandemic and its impact on public health and safety, I encourage you to hold the 2021 MT Legislature session virtually. Thank you for your time. Best wishes, Carly Baumgarten

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Your Full Name:
Rebecca W Foster

Email Address:
becky.foster4831@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Holding the Session Virtually

Your Comment:
How can it be possible that the Legislature is considering gathering in person during the worst months of the pandemic? Please reconsider! For nine months my family has sheltered (and worked) in place. My husband and I have been able to see our children and grand-children occasionally, with all protocols in place. Now I'm hearing that my son's job is going to require him to meet daily and in person with people all over the nation and state. This will trash the little bubble we have made and that has made life bearable over the past months and that has kept us alive. There is NOTHING the legislature can do in person that can't be done virtually. I beg of you - Hold the session virtually. Please!

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Your Full Name:

Anne Cameron

Email Address:

anne.cameron92@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In person session

Your Comment:

I believe that the people of Montana deserve a complete and present legislature to represent us and strongly believe that this session should go on like normal, including being in person.

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Date: 6th December 2020 11:33

Your Full Name:

Brenna Whitson

Email Address:

brennajowhitson@gmail.com

Subject Line:

public hearing support

Your Comment:

I support having open and accessible to the public hearings! This should not be postponed nor should it be closed to the public.

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Date: 6th December 2020 11:35

Your Full Name:
Shantell Martin

Email Address:
s_a_frame@icloud.com

Subject Line:
Legislature needs to meet IN PERSON

Your Comment:

As elected members of our state's legislature you all should pride yourselves on being the people the general populous of Montana has chosen to represent us. That being said, you ALL need to meet in person for the entire duration of the 2021 legislative session. Like many other workers throughout this pandemic, you are essential and you need to step up and show up every day to perform your duties to keep the state moving forward. Those with health conditions of course could be afforded special accommodations to protect themselves, however life must go on. This virus isn't going anywhere and we all need to learn to live with it. Now is the time for you all to be leaders and do the jobs we've elected you to do.

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Date: 6th December 2020 11:52

Your Full Name:

Ann Bauchman

Email Address:

spiritsun1@msn.com

Subject Line:

Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Please, please meet this session remotely! The consequences of spreading this virus are too grave to consider meeting in person! I Really appreciate your responsible dialogue regarding human safety!

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Date: 6th December 2020 12:06

Your Full Name:
Debra Demmons

Email Address:
debdem53@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Virtual Legislative Session

Your Comment:
To Whom It May Concern, I sincerely hope (and implore) you to hold all committee and legislative sessions remotely/virtually and NOT expect in-person attendance by anyone in the legislature. I feel this would be totally irresponsible during this pandemic. PLEASE keep ALL our representatives, including you, safe! Sincerely, Debra Demmons Missoula, Mt.

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Your Full Name:

Kitty Cutting

Email Address:

kittycutting@msn.com

Subject Line:

Meetings

Your Comment:

Can you make your meetings on line instead of in person? Thanks

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Your Full Name:

Kathy Kinzfogl

Email Address:

birdfrog@blackfoot.net

Subject Line:

How you hold your sessions

Your Comment:

Here is your first chance to make a difference during the upcoming session. Submit your public comments We are in the middle of a deadly pandemic, for everyone's welfare I am asking that you hold the session virtually, or delay the start until vaccinations are accessible to everyone.

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Your Full Name:

Nikki Rogers

Email Address:

nikkirogers814@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Hold session virtually

Your Comment:

Please hold the upcoming legislative session virtually for protection of legislators as well as public.

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Your Full Name:

Heide Arneson

Email Address:

h.arneson@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Meeting Virtually

Your Comment:

Dear Senate, House, and Joint Rules Committee, I understand that both the city and county have asked you to meet virtually. As a disabled veteran, if you are a patriot, I ask you to strongly consider Fort Harrison. This is our state hospital that provides services to our heroes, our veterans, from all over the state. They are coming for medical services and they are at risk. If you truly honor their sacrifices, you will meet virtually. A blow up of the virus in Helena will reach into the hospital, because the people who work at the hospital are in the community. Thank you, Heide Arneson

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Date: 6th December 2020 12:42

Your Full Name:

Hannah Plumb

Email Address:

saddestpleasure@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

2021 MT Legislature be held virtually for the health and well-being of legislators, staff, advocates, and the public

Your Comment:

I am writing to ask that a determination be made to hold the 2021 MT Legislature virtually until a vaccine has been made available to all and we begin to see a lowering of positive COVID cases. This is an opportunity to bring wise, fact-driven leadership to our state and show our communities that decisions are being made in the best interest of all our health and safety as we navigate our way through the COVID pandemic. Thank you for listening to the position of the Montana people.

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Your Full Name:
Christine Wilnau

Email Address:
cwilnau@live.com

Subject Line:
Public access

Your Comment:

We need open and accessible government. Nothing about this so called pandemic is remotely even close to how it's being portrayed. This state swing red in every way imaginable because we are collectively sick of government overreach and overreactions to what is less deadly than the flu. Open and transparent government is demanded by your citizens of this great state.

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Your Full Name:

Sarah Capdeville

Email Address:

sarahcapdevillemt@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Mask-wearing and virtual meetings whenever possible

Your Comment:

As a high-risk Montanan, I am extremely concerned about the safety practices (or lack thereof) taking place during the upcoming legislative session. My brother also works in the capitol building, and he lives with our father; I am extremely worried about their wellbeing. The messaging from health experts both in Montana and across the country is clear—masks and physical distancing are one of the most effective way to prevent spread of the coronavirus. For state legislators to ignore these simple recommendations is a disservice to the Montanans they were elected to serve, not to mention an action that jeopardizes not only the health of the community, but the ability of our healthcare system to function at all. Please, stop making this pandemic political. It's only costing more lives.

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Date: 6th December 2020 13:02

Your Full Name:

James and Sheila Dixon

Email Address:

codgers2@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Holding upcoming session virtually

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on Montana, we are pretty sure that it won't end by January 4, 2021. For the sake of your health, the health of your families and colleagues, the health of staff members, and the health of your constituents, we encourage you to follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials. Please either hold the session virtually or delay the start. We are confident 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, and are grateful for those facilitating it. Please use technology to safely hold the 2021 Montana Legislature. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, James and Sheila Dixon, Fallon, MT

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer Tafelmeyer

Email Address:

jltafelmeyer@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In-Person Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Hello, I'm writing to show my SUPPORT for open, in-person, accessible legislative session. It's imperative that we have a publicly-accessible legislative process in general, and even with anything going on in the state or country, we still need to function as we always have. There will always be risks in the world, but it's up to the individual to choose what they will or will not do. We need to uphold our Constitutional rights both federal and state. And we the people need to have our voice heard and our representatives uphold our voices. We cannot live in fear, but live boldly and honestly. I am in full support of an accessible and in-person Legislative session, like we have always done. Those who are scared or at risk can make their own decisions. Please uphold personal liberties, such as the right to choose for ourselves what is best for ourselves and our families.

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Your Full Name:

Angi Iffland

Email Address:

angiff70@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

In person legislative session

Your Comment:

There is no reason to not have an open legislative session. It is imperative that our government gets to work. If people can safely be out shopping and eating in public then the legislature can gather in person and work.

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Date: 6th December 2020 13:23

Your Full Name:

Sherry Clark

Email Address:

sherryrenee72@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

In Person Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Honorable Committee Members, I understand that there is hesitation about meeting in person and also allowing the public to attend, but as duly elected officials and representatives of the people of Montana, you have a job to do and it means meeting with your colleagues and the public. The people of Montana also have a Constitutional right to be heard in all things regarding legislation. I am asking that you rise above the fear and manipulation of the media and tyranny and have courage and integrity to hold the legislature in person, not cowering behind a computer screen or a mask, for that matter. Sincerely, Sherry Clark, Missoula, MT

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Date: 6th December 2020 13:30

Your Full Name:

Sandy

Email Address:

sandymt65@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In person legislature, open to the public

Your Comment:

Required: In person, in the state capitol legislature. Open to the public. Any other venue is unacceptable

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Your Full Name:

Lorinda

Email Address:

design2@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Legislative Session

Your Comment:

You should hold the session virtually or wait until vaccines are available so everyone is protected.

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Your Full Name:

LsnNxcFpPK

Email Address:

cl8211156@gmail.com

Subject Line:

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Your Comment:

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Your Full Name:

hSNtWBaCDs

Email Address:

cl8211156@gmail.com

Subject Line:

XUfxdiZpMOKSHLYR

Your Comment:

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Date: 6th December 2020 14:13

Your Full Name:

Jamie

Email Address:

jamieryanlockman@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Please meet virtually or delay start

Your Comment:

We are on the cusp of surviving COVID. Please meet virtually and/or delay the start until the pandemic is managed. I work for a statewide organization that wants to participate in the legislative process. I worry about our vulnerable members participating in person.

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Date: 6th December 2020 14:31

Your Full Name:
Patti Steinmuller

Email Address:
psteinmul@msn.com

Subject Line:
2021 legislative session

Your Comment:

As we continue in the holiday season, the COVID-19 pandemic is worsening in Montana. Even though effective vaccines are scheduled to be available soon, getting vaccinated and achieving immunity throughout the state will take time, much more time than before the start of the new year and the 2021 Montana Legislative session. Thus, I urge you to follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and the local health and government officials to either hold the legislative session virtually or delay its start. All the tools needed are in place to hold this session virtually. To sustain our economy and protect health, it is imperative to “walk the talk” by using the most effective tools known to protect health and safety of legislators, staff, others, and the public while conducting the essential business of the legislature. Deciding to hold a virtual legislative session or a delayed session would be the best outcome for this committee and for Montana..

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Date: 6th December 2020 14:37

Your Full Name:

Patience

Email Address:

Paigers22@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtually meeting

Your Comment:

Please follow the health professionals recommendation of meeting virtually for the 2021 legislative session. Thank you.

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Date: 6th December 2020 14:55

Your Full Name:
Brian Globerman

Email Address:
bgloberman@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Please hold upcoming legislative session virtually or delay the start until Covid 19 infections are under control.

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, Brian Globerman Bozeman

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Date: 6th December 2020 15:00

Your Full Name:

Yvonne Rudman

Email Address:

ymrudman@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Covid 19 and the 2021 Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, COVID-19 pandemic cases and deaths continue to climb, posing an ongoing threat to the health of our communities in ways unseen in 100 years. For the sake of your health, the health of your colleagues, the health of staff members, and the health of your constituents (many of whom are in their 60s and have underlying health conditions which make them especially susceptible to contracting the virus), please follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials. Please hold the legislative session virtually or delay the start. Technology makes it possible to give health precedence over face-to-face meetings which have a high potential of spreading a deadly disease to our fellow citizens and legislators. The incoming Gianforte administration has stressed making Montana a state built on innovation. What can be more innovative than simultaneously using technology to save lives and to continue the business of government? Thank you for considering life-saving measures, Yvonne Rudman Bozeman, MT

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Date: 6th December 2020 15:01

Your Full Name:

Lauren Wilson

Email Address:

wilson.lauren@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Delay session or work remotely

Your Comment:

As a Montana physician involved in COVID response logistics, I write to implore you to modify your plans for this session. An in-person session, even if everyone followed public health guidelines perfectly, will put people at risk. Please consider allowing a 60-day delay to give us time for the vaccine to reach the most vulnerable Montanans, and to see whether hospital capacity can improve. Montana has more than 70,000 health workers who are doing our best to keep you safe, but our resources are overwhelmed in some areas and nearly so on others. Help us help you. Delay the session.

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Your Full Name:
MacKenzie Dexter

Email Address:
mackenziedexter25@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Legislative Session 2021

Your Comment:

For the upcoming session, it is crucial to protect people visiting throughout the state and the Helena community. It is important that the upcoming session be held remotely so we can ease the pressure on the mourning community and the overwhelmed healthcare workers. We have the tools available to hold the session online, so we must take advantage of those resources so no more lives are lost. As elected officials, you represent the people. The people deserve to be listened to and protected.

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Your Full Name:

Nora Harper

Email Address:

noraharper@me.com

Subject Line:

The Legislature Needs to put the Health of Montanans First this Session

Your Comment:

The 2021 legislative session needs to be held virtually this year. It is the best option in order to mitigate the spread of COVID in Helena and communities across Montana. Our legislators need to step up and adapt to the challenge of holding a virtual session. City and county commissions have stepped up in addition to school boards across the country. There is no excuse anymore, the technology exists and the legislature has the resources to pull off a virtual session. For the health and safety of all communities in Montana this is the only option. Listen to the advice of public health experts and the pleas of healthcare workers. Please, be the leaders we elected to keep our state thriving.

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Your Full Name:
Ann Marie Bowlus

Email Address:
annmariebowlus@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Support virtual meetings

Your Comment:
I request that the committee host this meeting and future meetings virtually until a vaccine is available. Too many people attend these meetings without following COVID safety procedures creating an unsafe environment for everyone. Please do this small thing in order to support the health and well being of our community.

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Date: 6th December 2020 15:35

Your Full Name:
Druanna Koester

Email Address:
d_l_koester@msn.com

Subject Line:
Meeting in person

Your Comment:

The Legislature needs to meet in person. When they are accessible for voters, they are accountable to voters. If they can hide behind a screen, the voters voices are muffled. If they're concerned about their health, then they should resign and let someone who is willing to show up and face the voters take their place.

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Date: 6th December 2020 15:36

Your Full Name:

Doris L. Fischer

Email Address:

dfischer@3rivers.net

Subject Line:

Rules for 2021 Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, Please take the advice you recently received from the public health officials in Lewis & Clark County and Helena communities: Do NOT hold the 2021 Legislative Session in-person beginning in January. Doing so will needlessly risk the health and possibly lives of many individuals, including you and your families. It is clear that Covid spreads when people travel and when people convene indoors, and when people are not diligent about wearing masks, social distancing, and washing their hands. You have the opportunity to set a good example for all of Montana, by beginning the Session remotely and shifting later to in-person proceedings only if the vast majority of Montanans are able to get vaccinated. Public health should be your top priority. Thank you, from Madison County, MT.

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Your Full Name:

Crista Couture

Email Address:

crista.couture@rocky.edu

Subject Line:

In Person Legislative Session

Your Comment:

We MUST have in person session!! Our state has been infringed upon ENOUGH with the crap! As a voter, I DO NOT support virtual meetings. Here's immunity MUST BE met!

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Date: 6th December 2020 15:56

Your Full Name:

Jo Vilhauer

Email Address:

extreme@middrivers.com

Subject Line:

In-person legislative session

Your Comment:

I am requesting that there be no change to the structure of our upcoming legislative session. In order for have the legislative process open and accessible to the public, the session should begin and end in-person at the state capitol. No consideration should be given to postponing the session nor any type "virtual" session. We, the public, demand the opportunity to provide public input in person with no requirements in regards to social distancing and masking. Thank you.

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Date: 6th December 2020 16:00

Your Full Name:

Mark Vilhauer

Email Address:

extreme@midrivers.com

Subject Line:

2021 Legislative Session

Your Comment:

As a taxpayer and citizen of MT, I request that the 2021 legislative session be held in-person to allow the public open access as in years past. No consideration should be given to any type of "virtual" meetings nor postponing the session. Also, as the public participates, I request that no mask or social distancing restrictions be implemented. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Nancy Dunne Byington

Email Address:

dunnebyington@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Do NOT meet in peron

Your Comment:

Adamantly, I insist that the Montana legislature choose to act with common sense, common decency and as is fitting as public servants, and follow unanimously and to the letter all science-based recommendations made by the relevant departments of health and safety. Optimally we will have effective, universal federal regulations in the near future, and the Montana legislature will comply like mature adults with all such unifying, protective measures for the public good.

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Your Full Name:

Nancy Schultz

Email Address:

nancyanaconda@msn.com

Subject Line:

postpone the 2021 legislative session

Your Comment:

I am getting concerned about this legislative session and wonder what are the Democrats thinking of doing? I look at the pictures of the Republicans gathering in Helena, most don't wear masks, no social distancing, and wonder how can we have a legislative session? The session will follow three holidays, covid is on the rise and health officials are saying it will be a dark winter. People obviously deciding travel, pleasure and legislative gathering is more important than risking illness and death. It is beyond my imagining how you can put together incredibly complex laws, budgets, appropriations, regulations, and do it remotely without people in close contact. The hearing rooms that I have seen are totally elbow to elbow and often times standing room only. The House and Senate chambers are likewise not designed even marginally for social distancing -- the desks are all right next to each other. And then you have the hundreds of legislative staffers necessary to draft those bills, perform the fiscal analyses, potential problems And then 100s of lobbyists that come to Helena every session and then think about all these people being in the Capitol every day for four months and in every bar, restaurant, store, hotel, motel, and rentals. When the details are put together, I see just how impossible this is going to be to pull off. And all of those people don't take into account the public and accommodating for them, and on some days 1000s come to protest, listen, comment, meet with their elected representatives. For the public, most of whom follow safe guidelines, we will not feel safe, and will not go. The only way for this legislative session to proceed, would be if every function is made virtual, that would for the public, but not all the people mentioned above. All the meetings that are legally available to the public should be virtual, but that is not safe for the 1000's of workers involved in the legislative session. It is the public's constitutional right to know and observe ALL legislative functions. This session needs to be postponed. Maybe we will have a handle on it by next summer.

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Your Full Name:

Abigail Nyhof

Email Address:

abby.nyhof@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Covid Guideline Compliance

Your Comment:

As a Helena school teacher, I can testify that we have worked hard to prevent the spread of Covid-19 within our walls by enforcing mask and social distancing policies. If elementary school students can follow these guidelines to protect their classmates, surely our legislators can follow them to protect their colleagues and communities. The safety of the Helena community relies on compliance with both mask wearing and social distancing. A large gathering without proper precautions could also lead to transmission of the virus to other Montana communities. Many members of the legislature have already shown their unwillingness to comply with Lewis and Clark County Health Department recommendations, and therefore should convene online in order to protect the Helena community and the Montana community at large. I would like to continue to see my students in person, and a Covid-19 outbreak led both by the direct actions of members of the legislature as well as the influence of their callous attitudes on their constituents will prevent me from doing so. Online government meetings are much more practical and straightforward than online elementary education. Legislators, please stay home so that my students don't have to.

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Your Full Name:
Deborah.mcnay@gmail.com

Email Address:
deborah.mcnay@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Legislative season

Your Comment:
Please hold this session remotely. COVID numbers are going up and by holding it in person you are putting your agenda ahead of what is best for the community. Also, if schools can't be held completely in person why should session?

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Your Full Name:

Phillip Nyhof

Email Address:

phil.nyhof@gmail.com

Subject Line:

2021 Legislative Session Amidst Covid-19

Your Comment:

We have seen repeated dismissal and denial of the reality of the dangers of Covid-19 by numerous members of the Legislature placing themselves and their constituents in imminent danger from their carelessness. Health professionals, those who have expertise in these matters, have called for stricter restrictions to better protect the population and those working hard on the front line. We should look to experts in their fields when it comes to all matters of health and safety. The inability of certain members of the Legislature and the community to follow simple guidance proven to help protect those around us, shows not only a lack of empathy, but also a lack of morals. This isn't about you, or your political career. This is about us, all of us. The Helena community, the communities the Legislature and staff represent, the state and country as a whole. Businesses, schools, and individuals around the world have found ways to make remote environments work, surely the matters of government that you meet every other year for can not be so different that you can not do the same. By ignoring guidelines and safety recommendations put forth by experts in the medical field, you are claiming to be more intelligent or more informed than those who have dedicated years of their life to study. If you claim to be that intelligent, that informed, surely you can figure out the basics of a web cam and clicking a mouse to mute yourself when it is not your time to speak.

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Your Full Name:

Jacqueline Isaly

Email Address:

jacqueline_isaly@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual 2021 session

Your Comment:

As a Helena resident, a Montana native, and a public health professional I ask that the 2021 legislative session be held remotely. A remote session will help to protect the residents of Helena and other Montana communities by decreasing travel across the state and gatherings in Helena. Using a virtual platform will allow the public and elected officials to engage in the legislative process without having to risk their health and well-being. While not always ideal, most other sectors have adapted to use technology to conduct business and keep people healthy. I believe that Montana representatives can do the same.

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Date: 6th December 2020 16:51

Your Full Name:

David Seeley

Email Address:

dseeley406@gmail.com

Subject Line:

How about modeling safe Behavior.

Your Comment:

To whom it may concern: With Montana citizens dying each and every day because of a pandemic, I would think that as elected officials, You all would care about the health and safety of others, Apparently that is not the case. You've shown your arrogance and ignorance about anyone other than yourselves or your party is visible for all to see. You and your political leader are an embarrassment.

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Your Full Name:

Kev Hamm

Email Address:

kev@hammonwry.com

Subject Line:

The session itself

Your Comment:

Please meet virtually. You have the tech and skills, and it will actually open up more involvement from citizens. And it's safer during a pandemic.

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Your Full Name:

Carol Fisher

Email Address:

cfisher2112@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

In-person legislative session

Your Comment:

We the people, have a right to open, in-person legislative sessions. If people want to be there in person, we have a right to be there. It is time to say no to Covid fear, and yes to freedom!

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Your Full Name:

Robyn Mohs

Email Address:

rickrobyn@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

In person legislation

Your Comment:

I applaud any elected official who fights for having open Legislative session and fights for citizens' rights to participate in person at hearings in the people's House. Thank you. For the Legislators who are fearful of being out in public and of doing the job they were elected. They need to immediately resign. Being present to listen to constituents is a HUGE part of the JOB, and if they do not show up, please make rules that they are NOT allowed to VOTE. With that, please do not attempt to mandate masks or any face coverings for citizens to attend. Please consider reviewing the constitution & the 9th amendment staying unenumerated rights one included is right to make decisions about ones health care or body.

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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:

Please hold the 2021 legislative session virtually so that the public can participate.

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Your Full Name:
Virginia Lee Harrison

Email Address:
son-son@bresnan.net

Subject Line:
the need for the legislature to meet distantly

Your Comment:
This legislature has the opportunity to model respect and care for the legislative workers and Helena citizens by agreeing to meet distantly. In the throes of a deadly pandemic, meetings in person risk the safety of all concerned. Please - be sensible and respectful.

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Your Full Name:
Casey Blumenthal

Email Address:
caseyj@bresnan.net

Subject Line:
Live Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, As a resident of Lewis and Clark County and Helena, I am dismayed, disappointed, angry and frustrated by the recent actions of state legislators ignoring health protocols in our government facilities unmasked and in close contact. I fully support my county health officials who subsequently called for the session to be held virtually or for the start to be delayed. We are in a public health crisis! By holding a live session, you will be endangering the health of all of us who live here all the time, possibly causing unnecessary deaths. Our healthcare workers are pleading for us to follow basic directives as our hospitals reach capacity. There is no reason this session cannot be held virtually. We cannot afford to have legislators in session who will drive up our numbers with their lack of consideration. For the sake of legislators, staff, advocates and the public, please listen to health officials and go virtual or delay this session until vaccines are accessible.

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Your Full Name:
Jessica Wilkerson

Email Address:
Jessica.wilkerson@gmail.com

Subject Line:
2021 Session

Your Comment:

Please follow scientifically-based public health recommendations and do not hold in person legislative sessions until we have reduced covid-19 cases to a significant extent in Montana and the anticipated vaccines have been widely distributed. As a resident of Lewis and Clark County and a proud Montana, I hope that the legislature will engage in responsible leadership that encourages all of us to work together to protect and value each other now and into the future.

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Date: 6th December 2020 17:34

Your Full Name:
Barbara Phinney

Email Address:
cooper448@me.com

Subject Line:
Hold sessions virtually

Your Comment:

I am writing to respectfully ask that the MT Legislative Sessions be held virtually to prevent the spread of COVID-19. You must respect science, medicine and listen to our healthcare providers who are the experts. I have two doctors in my immediate family and I am in my 70's. If I, as a normal citizen, can follow the rules, all of you should show leadership and set the correct example. By not respecting knowledge and science, this infringes on my freedoms. When it is a legitimate pandemic and matter of the healthy of the community, that supersedes personal freedoms. Wearing a mask is not even really an inconvenience when you consider that you are helping your fellow man. Please do the right thing. It is embarrassing if one is not following the rules and certainly not statesman like. Best regards, Barbara Phinney 2018
Knaab Dr. Bozeman, MT.

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Your Full Name:
Christine White Deeble, ND

Email Address:
drcwhite@natura.health

Subject Line:
Hold virtual sessions

Your Comment:
As our highest elected leaders in the state, please consider the example you can set my holding much if not all business virtually this year. I understand how this will make some things more difficult, but as a health care provider, I ask you please, make the sacrifice.

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Date: 6th December 2020 17:41

Your Full Name:
Stacey Anderson

Email Address:
lsanderson96@gmail.com

Subject Line:
COVID and the 2921 Legislative Session

Your Comment:
Please conduct the 2021 legislative session online. The rates of COVID in Montana are too high to risk interactions in crowded spaces and our hospitals and healthcare workers are under tremendous pressure already. Do the right thing, and set an example of how to protect the community.

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Your Full Name:

Sabrina Baukol

Email Address:

sabrinabaukol@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In-person legislative session

Your Comment:

I am commenting to request that the upcoming legislative session be held in person.

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Your Full Name:

Noelle Johnson

Email Address:

noleeefb@gmail.com

Subject Line:

State Legislature must absolutely still meet!

Your Comment:

According to the Montana State Constitution, Article 5 section 6, the legislature shall meet in odd-numbered years. To not meet, would be unconstitutional. I am a voting citizen residing in Great Falls.

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Your Full Name:

Elena

Email Address:

glowchild7@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

I support public access to forums

Your Comment:

Citizens need to have thier voices heard. Thank you

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Your Full Name:
Jessica Kirkendall

Email Address:
jessicabrown2000@hotmail.com

Subject Line:
Open Accessible Public Hearings Required

Your Comment:
Montanans have voted loud and clear and are ready to have important changes implemented. Please represent what is best for Montanans by having an open normal Legislative session with all free citizens more than welcome to participate in the hearings without mandates or coercion. Legislators that are nervous or vulnerable are not fit for duty at this time and should be replaced to carry out this very important role working for the citizens. Any legislator that does not attend public hearings should not be allowed to vote in representation of the people. Thank you for representing Montanans.

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Your Full Name:

Bobbie Roberts

Email Address:

drycreek@restel.com

Subject Line:

Legislature meeting

Your Comment:

Our legislature needs to meet in person. They need to straighten out this mess IN PERSON. Without the fraudulent social distancing and the ineffective masks. People need to wake up to these draconian protocols.

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Your Full Name:

Penny Ronning

Email Address:

pennyronning@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Montana State Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Honorable Legislators, Government bodies throughout the nation have been and are continuing to hold their sessions virtually. I request the same for the 2021 Montana State Legislative Session. Thank you. Sincerely, Penny Ronning
Billings, MT

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer D. Frye

Email Address:

twinklefrye@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Upcoming legislative session

Your Comment:

I am writing to request the state hold its legislative session IN PERSON this spring, 2021. If you use YRH Bullock's social distancing rules and masks, then there is no reason you shouldn't be getting together to make decisions to help us Montanans get revenue and commerce going again. We need the work and you need the tax base. Get to work, please. Don't forget to wash your hands.

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer Grace

Email Address:

jengrace@icldou.com

Subject Line:

Be COVID safe

Your Comment:

conduct all meeting remotely until there is effective vaccine and the hospitals are not over run

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer Merecki

Email Address:

jmerecki@outlook.com

Subject Line:

Virtual session

Your Comment:

The 2021 MT Legislative session must be held virtually due to Covid-19 risk. This pandemic crisis should never have been politicized, it is a public health issue, just like the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic. The elected officials back then handled it safely and intelligently with less medical knowledge. Have we not grown smarter since then? Additionally holding an in-person session is illegal due to crowd size. We must protect the rule of law and our citizens health. We need smart decision making, not smart-ass defiance.

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Your Full Name:

Jade Metzler

Email Address:

metzlerjade@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Joint Session

Your Comment:

This joint session needs to be held remotely. Mask wearing had already been shown to be almost non-existent with the GOP and we need to protect our citizens of Helena.

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Date: 6th December 2020 18:49

Your Full Name:

Teri Ball

Email Address:

balldt@gmail.com

Subject Line:

2021 Session to be Held Virtually

Your Comment:

As we continue in the holiday season, the COVID-19 pandemic is worsening in Montana. Even though effective vaccines are scheduled to be available soon, getting vaccinated and achieving immunity throughout the state will take time, much more time than before the start of the new year and the 2021 Montana Legislative session. Thus, I urge you to follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and the local health and government officials to either hold the legislative session virtually or delay its start. All the tools needed are in place to hold this session virtually. To sustain our economy and protect health, it is imperative to “walk the talk” by using the most effective tools known to protect health and safety of legislators, staff, others, and the public while conducting the essential business of the legislature. Deciding to hold a virtual legislative session or a delayed session would be the best outcome for this committee and for Montana.

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Your Full Name:

Denise fisher

Email Address:

adfischer486@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislature session and Covid

Your Comment:

The legislature session either needs to be postponed or moved to all virtual. Even Wyoming has moved their legislative session till May 2021. It was so disrespectful and shameful to see the legislature in Montana meeting a few weeks ago without social distancing and not wearing masks. It was disrespectful to the health workers in this state and the citizens of this state. We are in a crisis in this state and these are the people that are supposed to be making decisions that impact all of our lives and yet they can't do the simple act of putting a mask on and social distances? It does not give me faith that they make decisions with science in mind, research or thoughtful discussion. So yes, for the sake of the health care workers in the state and the many people they will come in contact with after leaving the legislature if they were to meet they need to postpone or meet virtually. It'd be highly irresponsible on their part to go forward with the legislature as planned. Denise Fisher

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Your Full Name:

Dan Williams

Email Address:

mrdrwill@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislative session

Your Comment:

I support open live legislative session. Wear masks and wash your hands. Do good work.

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Your Full Name:

Noelle Muske

Email Address:

mrsmuske@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

IN person 2021 Legislative Session

Your Comment:

After a big learning curve for most of 2020 it is time for citizens to resume daily life as normally as possible. Our legislative process is a critical way to have our voices heard - we need to have in-person sessions where the people of Montana can continue to work for the needs of this state. Those who choose to live with an abundance of caution should have the option to attend via electronic means, but in-person attendance is vital to a healthy republic both for its citizens and elected officials. Standing in person to represent our needs and values is pivotal to our rights as American citizens and voters.

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Your Full Name:

Kerri Jones

Email Address:

kmrjones66@gmail.com

Subject Line:

This seasons legislation

Your Comment:

Please move forward with in person legislation, and allow people to be present. Virtual is NOT acceptable, our failing education, health board meetings, etc are proof. Please represent the people that voted for you and do your job in person. Thank you

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Date: 6th December 2020 19:30

Your Full Name:

Elizabeth

Email Address:

abmitchell513@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislative session upcoming

Your Comment:

Please, for the benefit of our citizens as well as the legislative members and their families, I implore you to go to a virtual only session for the near future. Covid will only keep surging if groups gather indoors through the winter. We see the light at the end of the tunnel as the vaccine is starting to be deployed. Meet virtually until we know is it safe to convene in the Capitol!

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Your Full Name:

Dolores Bock

Email Address:

treysmom6993@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Please consider remote sessions

Your Comment:

Please act responsibly and show consideration for your fellow Montanans by holding the legislative session remotely. We all deserve your respect.

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Date: 6th December 2020 19:55

Your Full Name:

Karen Williams

Email Address:

karenskis@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Postpone legislative session

Your Comment:

Hello! I'm writing to ask you to consider postponing the legislative session so that we can all feel safe meeting with our elected officials. I've had to use online meetings in my work and it is difficult to work well together. Please give us the opportunity to meet with you all face to face a little later in 2021. Thanks for your consideration. Karen Williams

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Your Full Name:

Tori Walker

Email Address:

toriwalker86@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Remote legislative session

Your Comment:

For the safety of the Lewis and Clark community the legislative session should be held remotely. The meetings would be safer and tons of money would be saved on session expenses like per diem, gas, lodging. Don't put our community at risk so a bunch of selfish politicians can basically do nothing and infect my family and loved ones. I've seen many around town not wearing masks claiming they have medical reasons.

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Your Full Name:
Tammy Stefanik

Email Address:
tammystefanik@gmail.com

Subject Line:
In person legislature

Your Comment:

Hello, I strongly feel an in person legislative session is in the BEST interest of Montanans for multiple reasons. First and foremost its protect the rights of citizens to participate in their government fully and with transparency. I have remotely attended city and county government meetings via electronic means in recent months. There were technical issues for many participants, limits to attendees, and it was difficult to follow all that was happening. While technology can be helpful, it has its limitations. Montanans need, now more than ever, the ability to participate in a transparent government and protected process. Second, the virus is real, however it is not serious. The negative affects of the last 9 months on everyone's mental health is far worse than the very rare chance someone dies from it. We need to stand up and fight for our rights of liberty and freedom and allow individuals to choose if they want to attend remotely. Those that are not afraid, should be able to choose to attend in person. These are freedoms I hold close to my heart. Now more than ever. Tammy Stefanik

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Your Full Name:
Judy Rosenfeldcox

Email Address:
judy.rosenfeld@bresnan.net

Subject Line:
Abiding by the recommendations of the CDC

Your Comment:
Please wear masks while in-doors at all times. Better yet, conduct all meeting via zoom or another platform at allows remote participation. I am a senior citizen. If everyone would wear a mask for the next 100 or more days, we might be able to return to some sort of normal by Spring. I would like to go to the movies, eat in a restaurant and be comfortable in a group of people again.

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Your Full Name:

Jack Kenyon

Email Address:

skatpack@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

open hearings

Your Comment:

Please hold full and normal governmental proceedings in person as the Montana Legislature should meet. I support full and open access to hearings so the public can participate.

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Your Full Name:

Zehra Osman

Email Address:

dazeler@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Please Hold the 2021 Session Virtually: Public Comments for the Joint Rules Committee Meeting, December 7, 2020

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, Montanans know how to adapt, whether it's adapting to extreme weather, extreme terrain, or whatever Mother Nature throws at us. So now with the pandemic hitting our great state, show the world how Montanans use technology to safely hold the 2021 Montana Legislature- -good technology as it has improved greatly since the last session. Show the other states how it's done - follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials and hold the 2021 session virtually. Be good examples of smart Montanans who are adaptable and who are able to govern without jeopardizing the health of you and your colleagues, your staff, and your constituents. Zehra Osman Bozeman, MT

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Your Full Name:

Thomas Millett

Email Address:

simplytom65@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

No Remote Participation in the Legislative Session for Legislators

Your Comment:

APPROVE amendments SJ103, SJ104, SJ105 & SJ106. REJECT amendments SJ107 & SJ108. Legislators need to be present in the Capitol Building for all committee assignments, meetings, and floor sessions.

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Your Full Name:
Michelle McLaughlin

Email Address:
michelle@montanapureskin.com

Subject Line:
No Remote Participation in the Legislative Session for Legislators

Your Comment:
APPROVE amendments SJ103, SJ104, SJ105 & SJ106. REJECT amendments SJ107 & SJ108. Legislators need to be present in the Capitol Building for all committee assignments, meetings, and floor sessions.

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Your Full Name:
Margaret Meredith

Email Address:
meredith.maggie@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Do not meet in person in January

Your Comment:
Due to current levels of covid19, I would like the legislature to delay the session until later in the year when vaccines are available and it is safer for public health to have a large gathering.

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Your Full Name:

Chelsia

Email Address:

chelsia.rice@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Session

Your Comment:

Please, for the protection of citizens across the state, and for the lawmakers for whom we have voted, do not hold session in person. Do not put Helena persons and businesses at risk. These are extraordinary circumstances and we must take extraordinary measures. We can get through this but need your hel0z

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Your Full Name:
Cherilyn DeVries

Email Address:
cherilyn.devries@gmail.com

Subject Line:
COVID-19 safety — say yes to an online session

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members— COVID-19 is a very real crisis that is sweeping our state. As cases, hospitalizations, and deaths increase exponentially, we need to leaders like you to protect the health of all Montanans. COVID-19 is not a partisan issue. Because many legislators are refusing to wear masks, I urge you to move this legislative session online so we do not have an outbreak that sweeps through the legislators and staff in the Capitol. Time and people are precious, and we cannot afford to lose either due to reckless behavior. COVID-19 is a highly contagious and unpredictable virus, and we need to make sure we are following best practices, especially when some legislators are refusing to follow basic precautions.

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Your Full Name:

Jonette Doeden

Email Address:

doedenjonette@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Public meeting

Your Comment:

I support a public meeting of the house and Senate. No zoom meeting. In person only please

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Date: 6th December 2020 20:49

Your Full Name:

Anne Banks

Email Address:

anban@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Legislature and Corona virus

Your Comment:

I urge you to hold meetings of the Legislature virtually until such time as the majority of Montanans have been vaccinated against Corona Virus 19. It is unfair to expect Legislators and also members of the public who wish to testify to meet in person until such time.

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Your Full Name:

Virginia Cross

Email Address:

virginiasantaolalla@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Hold the session virtually.

Your Comment:

During this crucial time of viral infections for Covid 19 it is vital for the well being of our legislative body that all sessions are held virtually and NOT in person. Thank you for listening.

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Your Full Name:

Monica Gray

Email Address:

martha.monica406@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Clean Water

Your Comment:

I support full protection under the Wilderness Act. I support sustainability. Generations to come lend me the land that I occupy. They want clean water.

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Your Full Name:

Nyoka Twitchell

Email Address:

ntwitchell59@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Rules committee meeting

Your Comment:

Replying to the republican house and senate rules committee meeting Please move forward on the in-person meeting and allow the public to testify in person. Our state needs to get on with our business and move beyond the fear of the Covid virus.

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Your Full Name:

Kathleen Gallagher

Email Address:

kathyg100@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Remote Session

Your Comment:

Please hold the session remotely. L&C County has over 1,700 active Covid cases today. Please don't overwhelm the county by showing up.

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Your Full Name:

Hans

Email Address:

hanszech@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Support for open and accessible legislative hearings

Your Comment:

I am a concerned citizen of Bozeman Montana and Gallatin county. I see no reason the legislature cannot meet for business as usual and keep our needs as Montanans in order. Any excuses in the name of corona virus, social distancing or other ridiculous such measures is a scapegoat to responsibility, it is time we all take the blinders off and get back to work and school, including the legislature along with the needed open and free public comment and involvement in the process.

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Your Full Name:
Maryalice Chester

Email Address:
mac59601@gmail.com

Subject Line:
2021 Session Meetings

Your Comment:

Helena residents normally welcome all legislators -- things are NOT normal this year. Please, please, please choose to delay the session until late spring or have the meetings be virtual ones. We worry very much about our friends and relatives who work in the capitol or will otherwise come in contact with so many legislators. And -- we don't want YOU to get the virus from us, either! Thank you and stay well.

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Date: 6th December 2020 21:57

Your Full Name:

Debbie Schenk

Email Address:

rexx041@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Legislative Session

Your Comment:

For the health & safety of all & to slow the growing number of cases, hospitalizations & deaths please conduct this session virtually. It makes sense for all Montanans. Lead by example. Thank you. Debbie Schenk

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Your Full Name:

Roxy Burley

Email Address:

r_burley@live.com

Subject Line:

Please choose wisely

Your Comment:

Please either hold the 2021 legislative hearings virtually or delay until it's safe. We know better than to gather in groups right now. Our legislators should too. Thank you in advance for doing what is best health practice and leading by example.

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Your Full Name:

Shirley Juhl

Email Address:

shrlyjuhl@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

The entire session of the 2021 Legislature should be held virtually.

Your Comment:

By conducting all of the business of the 2021 Legislature virtually, everyone can take part.

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Your Full Name:

Alicia Schreibeis

Email Address:

alicia_caz13@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Timely Legislative session

Your Comment:

We need to have open and accessible to the public hearings. They need to be in-person, not virtual, and not also not postponed. Let's get this session rolling. Thank you!

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Your Full Name:

Lisa

Email Address:

gillyljg@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Attendance

Your Comment:

Please meet remotely until Montana has a positivity rate of less than 1%. By going remote, staying home, social distancing, MASKing up and washing your hands, maybe Montana can get a grip on the overwhelming surge of Covid 19.

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Your Full Name:

Jessica Lahr

Email Address:

jessicablahr@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Please hold session remotely

Your Comment:

With COVID cases continuing to rise, please make the 2021 session remote to keep our elected officials, staff members, and Helena community safer. We have the technology, why not use it? People get sick every legislative session anyways from being in close quarters during cold and flu season, why risk a COVID-19 outbreak that would delay the legislative process? OR WORSE, cause unnecessary hospitalizations or even the death of legislators or anyone else who works at the Capitol during the session?? It is extremely irresponsible to propose an entirely in-person session. What about the senators or representatives who have a pre-existing condition or a child who is at-risk? It's not fair to put those people in danger, or not provide them equal alternatives to participate.

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Your Full Name:
SHARON THOMPSON

Email Address:
sdtehli@msn.com

Subject Line:
Upcoming legislative session

Your Comment:
Please hold the upcoming legislative session virtually to avoid a COVID-19 super spreader event. Everything that can be done should be done to protect all fellow Montanans.

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Your Full Name:

Matt Foster

Email Address:

Mfoster2025@gmail.com

Subject Line:

2021 Session

Your Comment:

Meet and do what you were elected to do. Serve the people of Montana! End the insanity!! Reopen the State let people live their lives! This is what you were elected to do! Now do it!

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Your Full Name:

Clarence Heiser

Email Address:

greenbay@midrivers.com

Subject Line:

House and Senate's rules committee

Your Comment:

Hold sessions in person live !!

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Date: 7th December 2020 01:08

Your Full Name:

Betsy Swartz

Email Address:

betsy@betsyswartz.com

Subject Line:

Comments on holding in-person legislature

Your Comment:

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on Montana, with our state possibly going into the worst few months ahead of us. For the sake of our legislative members' health, the health of colleagues, the health of staff members, and the health of constituents, I urge you to 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 sessions 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.

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Date: 7th December 2020 03:19

Your Full Name:

Lucinda Heller

Email Address:

luci.heller@gmail.com

Subject Line:

SUPPORT to have open and accessible to the public hearings

Your Comment:

Please have these meetings IN PERSON. If we can go out in public, and shop at WALMART then you can have these hearings open to the public. Removing this options puts us into a third world country arena. Please OPEN THESE HEARINGS to the public - DO ON ZOOM them only. We are MONTANA strong. We do not run and hide.

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Your Full Name:

Sandra Bolles

Email Address:

sandie.bolles@gmail.com

Subject Line:

In person gatherings

Your Comment:

For the Montana Legislators to meet "In person" during the Pandemic is total folly. You would have to be on living on another planet not to know that the best way to spread the Corona Virus is to have large gatherings of people breathing the same air. Hmm--maybe that is why we call such people "air heads." Shear stupidity...

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Your Full Name:

Aimee Romeijn

Email Address:

romeijn42@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Online

Your Comment:

Please do the right thing and hold the session virtually.

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Your Full Name:

Rachael Waller

Email Address:

rachael.waller1977@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Meeting via Zoom

Your Comment:

Please consider not meeting in person but meeting virtually. If you do meet in person make masks mandatory. Citizens should not have to risk their health to participate.

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Your Full Name:
LAURIE S MCKINNEY

Email Address:
laurieo64@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Remote MT Legislative sessions a must

Your Comment:

To whom it concerns (everyone in the MT Legislative committee and public), The pandemic has brought us to a critical point in managing almost every encounter in our lives. With the new MT Legislative body meeting Dec 6/7, I urge that a remote option be available to those upon request. Schools are remote or partial remote and require face masks. The MT Legislature does not follow the mask rule, so should not infringe on the rights of its members to NOT be exposed to Covid 19, that worst case could kill someone or make them sick enough to miss the session. I am nurse and I wear my PPE daily to protect myself, my patients and my family. I work in an ER and have not gotten it. Masks do work, but so does remote. I know the voting is set up to accommodate remote voting and public viewing. It would be a big miss if there is no remote option. Please let people protect themselves and others until the vaccine is widely available. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:
Rebecca Bauder

Email Address:
rcbauder@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Virtual Meeting

Your Comment:

I urge the Rules Committee to have their first meeting virtually. It is so important that the new year begin with strong leadership in demonstrating to the state that we are not one of the Dakotas, but believe in science and taking care of one another. Most everyone now knows someone who is ill or has died with Covid, and we must hang on together until the vaccine is available. We need to trust Montana government in how the vaccine will be distributed, and making this first Rules Committee meeting virtual, will show the citizens we can trust our leaders to do what's right. Thank you.

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Date: 7th December 2020 07:10

Your Full Name:
Elizabeth Madden

Email Address:
bethmadden64@gmail.com

Subject Line:
2020-21 Legislative session meeting protocol

Your Comment:

I respectfully urge the Joint Rules committee to require that our upcoming legislative session be held remotely - virtually - until such time as vaccines are available. This has been requested of you by the local City and County Health officials in Helena, and is critical for the safety of all our legislators, their staffs, and the public. While it will be more difficult to do, other states are moving forward this way, and it is worth the lives of our Montana public servants. Thank you for your work on our behalf, and for your careful attention to this vital issue.

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Your Full Name:

Sas Weber

Email Address:

sas@stuartweber.com

Subject Line:

2021 Legislature

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, The COVID-19 pandemic 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 hold the session virtually. I understand that significant work has gone into creating ways that the business of the people can all be conducted virtually. We have the tools and technology to hold this session virtually . Let's be innovative and use technology to safely hold the 2021 Montana Legislature. Thank you, Sas Weber Belgrade, MT

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Your Full Name:

Hendrika

Email Address:

drikw7@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Restrictions

Your Comment:

Please open up EVERYTHING!! Enough already!

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Your Full Name:
Mark Momberg

Email Address:
mmomberg@aol.com

Subject Line:
Virtual Legislative Session 2021

Your Comment:

Dear Joint Rules Committee, Please consider holding the 2021 legislative session virtually and not in person in Helena. Considering the clear and concise data and science concerning the pandemic and particularly the data concerning Montana it is obvious to me a virtual session is the only option for the following reasons: 1. Safety of elected officials and support staff. 2. Safety of the Helena community. 3. Safety of all Montanans 4. Elected officials showing leadership commensurate with the need. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment. Mark Momberg 4615 Equestrian Lane Bozeman, MT

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Your Full Name:
David Steinmuller

Email Address:
dsteinmul@msn.com

Subject Line:
Virtual or delayed session

Your Comment:

As we continue in the holiday season, the COVID-19 pandemic is worsening in Montana. Even though effective vaccines are scheduled to be available soon, getting vaccinated and achieving immunity throughout the state will take time, much more time than before the start of the new year and the 2021 Montana Legislative session. Thus, I urge you to follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and the local health and government officials to either hold the legislative session virtually or delay its start. All the tools needed are in place to hold this session virtually. To sustain our economy and protect health, it is imperative to “walk the talk” by using the most effective tools known to protect health and safety of legislators, staff, others, and the public while conducting the essential business of the legislature. Deciding to hold a virtual legislative session or a delayed session would be the best outcome for this committee and for Montana.

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Your Full Name:

Juanita Hastings

Email Address:

juanita.k.hastings@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Open access to legislators and sessions

Your Comment:

I respectfully request that the legislature is held in person and that we, the people, are allowed to visit during sessions. By Montana's Constitution, Montana Code Annotated 2019 Article V, Section 10 paragraph 3: The sessions of the legislature and of the committee of the whole, all committee meetings, and all hearings shall be open to the public. Those that are afraid of the Corona virus can take extra steps to protect themselves.

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Your Full Name:

Dean Littlepage

Email Address:

dljm@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

The legislature in a time of this explosion in covid

Your Comment:

PLEASE go virtual with most or all legislative proceedings and at least REQUIRE distancing and masks, worn correctly, for any in-person meetings. We've got enough potential superspreader events going on in this crazy time without the legislature's contributing to illness, hospitalization, and deaths of more Montanans.

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Your Full Name:
Gretchen Nolan

Email Address:
gretnolan@aol.com

Subject Line:
Meet Virtually

Your Comment:
Help keep our legislators and communities healthy by following the recommendations of public health officials. Decide to meet virtually until the pandemic threat is over. It's the most responsible thing to do.

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Your Full Name:

Bill Stahl

Email Address:

adkbunkhouse@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Meeting procedures

Your Comment:

Let's be smart and hold meetings virtually or just safely postpone it. Maybe look around at the rest of the world and notice how far behind we are in pandemic response and safety.

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Your Full Name:

isabel shaida

Email Address:

isa.shaida@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Joint Rules Committe Meeting

Your Comment:

Dear Committee Members, I urge you to hold the next legislative session online or postpone. Please follow the recommendations of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and other government officials. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on Montana. And though there is a vaccine coming and we are getting better at managing this disease, the end will not come 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 (ESPECIALLY the health of YOUR constituents). A gathering as large as a Legislative session WILL become the epicenter of a super spreader event. One that we cannot afford in this state. In addition, our public leaders set an example for the rest of the people. If our own legislatures are meeting in person, with or without masks, what are we teaching each other? How will we control this spread? If congress is not heading scientific guidelines how will normal people feel when they are asked to stay home for the health of themselves, their families, and their neighbors? 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, Isabel Shaida Bozeman, MT

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Your Full Name:
KAREN LUNDGREN

Email Address:
KLUNDGREN27@GMAIL.COM

Subject Line:
PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Your Comment:
Please PROTECT our healthcare workers across Montana by holding your session virtually. We need our leaders to protect us by using online resources this year.

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Date: 7th December 2020 08:26

Your Full Name:

Shyla Patera

Email Address:

shypat@icloud.com

Subject Line:

MT 67 th legislative Session during Covid 19

Your Comment:

My name is Shyla Patera I am a citizen advocate and Independent Living Specialist with North Central Independent Living Services, Inc, in Black Eagle, Montana .As a Montanan with a disability, I ask the Rules committee s to consider remote session accommodations not only for citizens but also for yourselves. It has been and will continue to be a great honor to roll into our capital and meet with many of you as legislators throughout my time at North Central Independent Living Services.This probably holds true for each of you as well. It it is an honor to be elected to our Montana legislative bodies ,I am sure. Each of you represents not only your district from which you were elected ,but now all of us as Montanans. Montanans with disabilities and underlying health challenges are going to be impacted by the policies and budgets that are proposed ,passed, signed, and enacted throughout the 67th Montana legislative sessionThis last interim was a learning session for everyone . Remote meetings became the norm and Committee bills were drafted and comments were taken. I believe that legislative staff, legislators ,and citizens need to continue working remotely as much as possible during COVID-19 to protect the health of everyone involved. Remote technology affords many the opportunity to participate in Montana’s legislative processes . Montana’s response to COVID-19 should be debated and enacted in a bipartisan manner. Just a reminder though ,for us all,Covid19 does not discriminate. Montana’s response to the virus must be strong yet non-partisan .We all love Montana and we Must work together to enact policies and promote the health, safety and welfare of allMontanans.. I look forward to the 67th legislative session Thank you

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Your Full Name:

Brenda Wahler

Email Address:

montanabw@mt.net

Subject Line:

Remote session, please

Your Comment:

I respectfully urge the Montana Legislature to meet remotely and to encourage committee testimony to be given via ZOOM or other appropriate videoconferencing platforms. This is to protect the health and safety of all Montanans in this time of COVID-19. Perhaps later in the session, after the current surge ends, as the vaccine becomes more widely available, and hospitals are not at capacity, some in-person sessions can be held.

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Your Full Name:

Eric Schmidt

Email Address:

ejr.schmidt@gmail.com

Subject Line:

MT Legislature in-person or virtual session

Your Comment:

The pandemic will not end before Jan. 4th, 2021, and for the safety of legislators, staff, and most importantly the public which have the right to attend and comment at public meetings, I request as your constituent that you hold the 2021 legislative session remotely and virtually. We now have a plethora of digital and virtual tools that allow the democratic process to be more accessible, equitable, and safe for all involved and we should take advantage of it. Sincerely, Eric Schmidt, Billings, MT

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Date: 7th December 2020 08:37

Your Full Name:

Dr. Kari Gunderson

Email Address:

cnd2543@blackfoot.net

Subject Line:

Hold virtual legislative session due to COVID-19 concerns

Your Comment:

Did you read today's national news that "The two chambers of the Arizona state legislature will suspend their work this week after at least 15 current and future Republican legislators may have been exposed to the coronavirus after meeting with Rudy Giuliani, the Arizona Capitol Times reported." Do you want this to happen to legislators & staff in the 2021 legislative session? How productive is that to get work done for Montanans? Public health officials have asked that the 2021 MT Legislature be held virtually for the health and well-being of legislators, staff, advocates, and the public. I agree. If we are to get beyond the pandemic everyone in MT must participate to reduce COVID deaths, and the threat of not having enough hospital beds for all who need to be treated. Do the right thing. We are paying attention and vote accordingly.

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Your Full Name:
Mary Ellen Wolfe

Email Address:
mrlinwlf@gmail.com

Subject Line:
2021 Legislative Session

Your Comment:

As statewide community leaders, all members of the legislature are role models for their Montana constituencies. Therefore, it behoves you as a legislative body to adhere to public health guidelines for the pandemic. If you decide to convene in person, adhere to mask and social distancing mandates. Better yet, as we battle high rates of the virus in Montana, decide to meet virtually. This would send the strongest message to all Montanans, modeling the behaviors that will keep people safe. Thank you for your service. Mary Ellen Wolfe Bozeman

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Your Full Name:

Hope Smith

Email Address:

hopebarrsmith@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislature

Your Comment:

I'm begging you to hold the 2020 session virtually, or delay the start until vaccinations are accessible to everyone. Our state is struggling to control COVID-19 and it takes all of us doing the right thing. Please do not put legislators, staff and the public in a position where they have to choose between their health and the health of those around them in order to transact state business. There are many safe and proven ways to conduct the legislature virtually. We really are looking at potential life and death choices here.

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer Boyer

Email Address:

boyerfarm51@gmail.com

Subject Line:

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Your Comment:

I urge our 2021 Legislative Session to be held virtually - Public health officials and other governmental agencies in Lewis & Clark County have asked they hold it virtually for the health and safety of everyone. Not only does this support the health and safety of our representatives and public servants and the local Helena community but all Montanans who wish to participate and contribute to government.

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Your Full Name:

Bill Entwistle

Email Address:

bill@the-entwistles.com

Subject Line:

Mask usage in session

Your Comment:

During the latest caucus meetings most members of the republican party were not wearing masks. These members should take responsibility for their constituents and at least attempt so keep them safe. The CDC is recommending all people to wear masks. Please require members to have their sessions on line so they do not spread COVID to the community.

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Sheri Burden

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Subject Line:

virtual meetings

Your Comment:

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Your Full Name:

Noel Hawke

Email Address:

hawkenoel@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Comment on in-person vs. virtual session

Your Comment:

I'm a regular voter in Yellowstone County. I believe the Montana Legislature should hold sessions virtually until such time as enough Montanans are better protected against community transmission than now. Because masking is inconsistent across the state, the virus is impossible to exclude from the Legislative chambers. Because any individual's response to the virus is impossible to predict but can be fatal, I believe the temporary adjustment of Legislative meeting mode is smart. Because I value each and every one of the people who have stepped up to serve Montana, I want all to survive and thrive to see the day when the virus threat is reduced to the level of seasonal flu.

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Your Full Name:

Susan P Mavor

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sunny.mavor@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Remote legislative session - of course!

Your Comment:

For heaven's sake, it would be foolish and a demonstrably unsafe idea to hold a live legislative session this year. Many of the legislators are older, some are elderly. I know 3 legislators personally who have health issues that make live attendance a life-threatening decision. Please use good judgment and your leadership skills to vote against a live session.

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Your Full Name:

Ann

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anncannata@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Session 2021

Your Comment:

Please hold the Montana legislative session virtually to protect everyone involved. If my 1st grade granddaughter can manage virtual class so should you!

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer

Email Address:

jpoolstraw@gmail.com

Subject Line:

2021 Legislative Rules

Your Comment:

In the interest of community safety, the 2021 legislators should conduct the minimum requirement (i.e. state budget) remotely and set a later date to reconvene for other business after the stat and county health departments deem it safe to return in person.

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Your Full Name:

Barb Cestero

Email Address:

barbcestero@gmail.com

Subject Line:

2021 Legislative session

Your Comment:

Dear Joint Rules Committee, I write to urge you to either convene the 2021 session virtually or postpone the session until vaccines are available. This would be the best option based on public health requirements in the COVID pandemic. I was deeply disappointed to see photos of the Republican caucus before Thanksgiving with very few masks and little social distancing in the Capitol. State legislative leadership must do a better job of keeping the public, staff and fellow legislators safe. I urge you to follow public health guidelines as you put in place the rules for this session. Currently they are to: * limit indoor gatherings to less than 25 people; * wear masks at all times indoors * keep 6 feet between people and * wash hands frequently. I also believe that conducting the session virtually could actually increase public involvement in committee hearings etc by minimizing the need to travel long distances across the state in the middle of Montana winters. Given rising COVID cases in every corner of the state, the very last thing we should be doing is traveling great distances to converge in Helena. Thank you for your service and I hope you will act in the best interest of Montana to do your part in containing this virus. Sincerely, Barb Cestero

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Your Full Name:
Elizabeth Marum

Email Address:
emarum3@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Recommend Virtual Legislative Session

Your Comment:

Dear Rules Committee, Public health experts agree that the next few months are likely to be the time when Covid-19 is transmitted the most and our population most vulnerable. Part of that is Montana winters. We have to be indoors sheltered from the elements. Because of this, the Joint Rules Committee should agree to holding the 2021 legislative session virtually. If that's not possible, conduct the immediate business and hold the full session in June when a vaccine will be more widely available and we've passed the most critical time in the pandemic.

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Your Full Name:
Susan Cushman

Email Address:
cushman@blackfoot.net

Subject Line:
Rules committee

Your Comment:
Please for the health of all of us, meet virtually and encourage the legislature to also meet virtually until such time as it is safe again to meet in person.

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