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**Date:** 14th December 2020 16:48

**Your Full Name:**

Patricia Pierson

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**Subject Line:**

HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

**Your Comment:**

Democracy provides representation for the people through elected representatives. Allowing 15 committee chairs to represent and potentially silence any potential bills or voices they disagree with is not democracy in action. 85 other House Reps would have no say and their constituents would be unrepresented under these rules. HR1 needs to go.

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**Your Full Name:**

Joan Taylor

**Email Address:**

joanstaylor50@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

delay the 2021 legislative session

**Your Comment:**

Please consider delaying the 2021 legislative session for several months until the majority of Montanans receive the Covid vaccine. You will save lives and protect those who participate in the legislative process. If you refuse to delay the session, at least order that everyone wear a mask and encourage social distancing as recommended by the CDC. Thank you. Joan Taylor

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**Your Full Name:**

Sophie Moon

**Email Address:**

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**Subject Line:**

PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE

**Your Comment:**

I am writing to urge the members of the Joint Rules Committee to vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. If passed, this would effectively silence the voices of over 850,000 Montanans. This is Montana, not Washington DC. Please have the decency to vote against this measure that would silence Montanans and create unnecessary and unhelpful gridlock in our state's government.

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**Date:** 14th December 2020 16:07

**Your Full Name:**

Ana Brown

**Email Address:**

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**Subject Line:**

Giving committee chairs too much power

**Your Comment:**

I do not agree with the new rule that would give 15 committee chairs the power to decide which bills are heard in Committee. This means that 85 other House Reps would have no say. 850,000+ Montanans would be unrepresented under these rules.

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**Date:** 14th December 2020 15:46

**Your Full Name:**  
Frederick J. Hammel

**Email Address:**  
fredh@bresnan.net

**Subject Line:**  
Stopping the RINO's

**Your Comment:**  
There is one way to remove the power from the democrats and RINO's. Close the primaries, When the democrats only run one candidate, what they do is chose the republican ticket and vote for the so-called republicans, that best matches their communist views. IE. Rino's.

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**Your Full Name:**  
Katharina Werner

**Email Address:**  
kathawerner@yahoo.de

**Subject Line:**  
vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

**Your Comment:**  
I am reaching out to show my strong opposition against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. Montanans are represented by more than 15 committee chairs and this change to HR1 would effectively give power to 15 people without considering the remaining legislators and, most importantly, the will of 850.000 Montanans. This is a power grab which ultimately drowns out my and other voices during the legislative process. Sincerely, Katharina Werner

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**Your Full Name:**

Callie Miller

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calliecoburn@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

**Your Comment:**

PLEASE vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE, as it would effectively eliminate the democratic nature of our legislature by negating the bills that the 15 committee chairs might disagree with, or deem unimportant. That is NOT how Montanans have VOTED to be represented. Please honor the votes of your constituents by allowing all members of the house to hear each proposed bill.

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**Your Full Name:**  
Daniel W Viehland

**Email Address:**  
dviehland@aol.com

**Subject Line:**  
HR 1

**Your Comment:**

Please vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. One of the strengths of the Montana Legislature is that nearly all bills get their hearing and a fair chance to get discussed with input from the public. Allowing committee chairs to control what bills are heard is a bad idea for democracy.

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**Date:** 14th December 2020 14:57

**Your Full Name:**

Skander Spies

**Email Address:**

skander.spies@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

State Legislative Rule Changes

**Your Comment:**

I strongly object to the proposed rule changes which would allow only committee chairs to determine which bills are heard and voted on in the legislative session. This hands a huge amount of power to a very small group of legislators who aren't nearly accountable to the full electorate they will impact, and whom they ought to serve. It is a fundamentally undemocratic proposal.

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**Your Full Name:**

Louise Davis

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**Subject Line:**

House Rules Committee

**Your Comment:**

Dear MT House Representatives, Your vote last week to allow 15 Committee Chairs the power to decide which bills are heard in Committee is unfair, undemocratic and, frankly, unpatriotic. From this, 100% of the bills to be considered in MT would fall on one of 15 chairs. 85 other House Reps would have no say. More than 850,000 Montanans would be UNDERREPRESENTED under these rules. This is not democracy, it's a partisan power play...and not how Montanans expect their government to run. For shame!! Please revote!!!!

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**Your Full Name:**

Karrie West

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**Subject Line:**

Vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

**Your Comment:**

It is imperative that you vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. Under these rules, over 850,000 Montanans would be unrepresented - THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY!

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**Your Full Name:**

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**Subject Line:**

House Rules

**Your Comment:**

The MT House Rules Committee approved a rule that would give 15 committee chairs the power to decide which bills are heard in Committee. This is outrageous! No one group or party gets to decide what does or doesn't come up in the legislature. "100% of the bills to be considered in MT would fall on one of 15 chairs. 85 other House Reps would have no say. 850,000+ Montanans would be unrepresented under these rules." THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY! And means that our voice will not be heard in the MT legislature. The members of the house need to vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE.

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