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From: dave maslowski <dave_maslowski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - MSCOPFF.docx
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Hello Ms. Fox,

Please include the following letter for public comment on the Senate Joint Rules Committee in regards to Sen. Flowers amendment and the overall debate about health and safety for the 2021 session.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Dave Maslowski
Political Director
MSCOPFF/MSFA

Sent from my iPhone

Public Comment:

Joint Rules Committee

Wednesday, December 16th

Chairpersons Rep. Derek Skees, Sen. Cary Smith



Mr. Chairmen and members of the Committee,

As firefighters and first responders, we are responding daily to patients suffering the effects of Covid-19. The effect this virus is having on our families, schools, communities, and businesses is significant. We hope that the Montana Legislature can help set the example by following common sense precautions such as keeping gatherings small, wearing masks, and social distancing. We are all having to do this at work and when interacting with the public we serve.

Governor-Elect Gianforte has made it clear that he wants to see a legislative session in which the people's work is done safely and in a way that protects the health and well-being of lawmakers, staff, reporters, and the public. We agree with him on this wholeheartedly.

For those of us who work in Helena, an outbreak or community spread from the legislature will make healthcare professionals and first responder's jobs more difficult and risk closures to schools and small businesses.

We support an amendment by Sen. Flowers (SJ 000105.ate) that would allow all interested parties to safely participate in the legislative process. So, however the Montana Legislature decides to proceed with the 2021 session, please consider taking common sense steps to help protect the community, its businesses, and most of all each other. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Dave Maslowski
Political Director
Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters

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Your Full Name:
Robert J Filipovich

Email Address:
bob.filipovich@live.com

Subject Line:
Proposed amendments to 2021 Legislature's rules

Your Comment:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead's optimistic adage will be turned against Montana's democratic legislative processes if the majority party's proposed rules amendments are adopted. If the majority Republican proposed amendments are adopted and then enforced against foe and friend alike, then notions of a fair hearing of every bill, discussion and debate, compromise, a loyal opposition, public participation, and even voting on bills will become mere formalities' masking one-party rule over every step of the lawmaking. How? Leverage the Covid pandemic to create a "Legislative Leadership COVID-19 Response Panel" with a 6/2 Republican majority. See AJ110.AJC. This Panel " . . . may exercise authority over all aspects of legislative business" and "the decisions of the panel are effective immediately without adoption by the House of Representatives or the Senate." Adopting the federal Center for Disease Control recommendations to prevent the spread of the epidemic are the minority party members' proactive amendments while the Panel is reactive and designed to control the legislative process, starting with identifying the 'uniform' of possible foes, namely, a face mask. Other rules to kill despised bills: Give total responsibility for bill assignments to committees to one majority person; give (majority party) committee chairs the sole power to decide whether a duly introduced bill will get a hearing or will die for lack of action. Thus, committee chairs can poll their committee's majority party members to find any opposition, then log-roll or pressure that opposition into cooperation. Failing that, committee chairs inform the assigning power to assign that bill to a committee where it can be sure the bill will die. If a disliked bill still gets to 2nd reading, the majority can vote it down there. If the bill passes 3rd reading, slow it or kill it in the other chamber. If it still lives, send it up for a veto. When one party makes the rules, controls both chambers, and has the executive branch, the final result is most likely determined before any bill is introduced. The majority's extensive, esoteric modifications of the Rules used in the 2019 session are likely to cinch loopholes, a.k.a. checks and balances -- see SJ103, 104, 105,106, HR101. May this session be delayed at least until vaccinations are completed.

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Your Full Name:

Lyda Adair

Email Address:

ladair24@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Joint rules for the 2021 legislative session in Montana all legislators, staff, elected officials and visitors, be required to social distance and wear masks. It important that everyone remain healthy to do the work of the State of Montans.

Your Comment:

The 2021 legislative session needs to be postponed until it can be done safely.

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Your Full Name:

Jenna Dodge

Email Address:

jennacdodge@gmail.com

Subject Line:

House & Senate Rules Committee meetings

Your Comment:

Please allow in person meetings, comments, and testimony for the 2021 Legislative session. The virtual public meetings that have been happening as a result of covid in 2020 have been ineffective and unfair to the public.

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Your Full Name:
Peter William Sullivan

Email Address:
peterw@sullivanfinancialgroup.com

Subject Line:
Rules committee recommendations for upcoming session

Your Comment:
I urge you to include the public health recommendations in your upcoming rules for the new legislative session. At the very least, masks should be required by all. And duly elected legislators who choose to attend the session virtually, should not be penalized by not having their votes counted. They are showing good judgement and concern and their votes must be counted.

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Your Full Name:

Tara

Email Address:

hinestara@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Remote Session

Your Comment:

Please mandate masks and social distancing for this legislative session, or delay, or do remote session as the #1 concern is human life. We have one life, don't risk being responsible for a coworkers illness or death. Set good examples as well please. Our kids are watching.

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Your Full Name:

Barbara Harris

Email Address:

barb.harris@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

Rules for upcoming legislative session

Your Comment:

Please take into consideration the public health recommendations when planning the upcoming session. At the very least, please at least require face masks and social distancing. And also, please allow those who plan to attend the sessions virtually to have their votes count. They have and will be practicing good judgement in observing restrictions and should not, not should their constituencies be punished for following them. Denying them would be outside the bound of free and democratic practice.

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Your Full Name:

Ethan Kohoutek

Email Address:

ethan@tenmilecreekbrewing.com

Subject Line:

COVID Safety During 2021 Session

Your Comment:

As a small business owner in this state and in the city of Helena where the session takes place I urge you all to take this seriously and have precautions in place for your time here. If you truly care about main street business across the state you will do your part to keep our communities healthy - that is the only way that we will be able to make it through this winter. While we can start to see the light that is at the end of this long tunnel, we still have some distance to go. The least you can do is step up and help out by doing your part for our public safety. We have all had inconveniences due to the pandemic and I would like to think that you can make it though a session that has certain safety precautions and still be able do the job that we voted you all to do. I also urge you to not allow the committee chairs to unilaterally kill bills. This is undemocratic and does not give us all the ability to partake in our democracy. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:
Krystal Steinmetz

Email Address:
krystalforhd28@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Make Public Health Your Top Priority

Your Comment:
As elected representatives of the people of our great state, please take the health of all Montanans seriously. If you insist on holding an in-person legislative session during a global pandemic that has already killed more than 800 Montana residents, then the very least you could do is require masks and social distancing. Follow the advice of the Lewis & Clark County Board of Health and infectious disease experts like Anthony Fauci. The economic security of our state is also tied to COVID and reducing the spread until we can all get vaccinated. Please do your part!

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Your Full Name:
susan regele

Email Address:
regele@aol.com

Subject Line:
Vote Against HR1

Your Comment:
HR1 as amended by HR101ATE is an opportunistic power grab that leaves 15 committee chairs calling all the shots and renders 85 of their colleagues voiceless. It wasn't found to be necessary in the past, and it isn't necessary now. If committee chairs need not listen to any views but their own, maybe everyone else should just go home. A vote against HR1 is a vote for fair representation.

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Your Full Name:

Rick and Beth Cottingham

Email Address:

thecottinghams@q.com

Subject Line:

Current 2021 Legislative Session Safety

Your Comment:

To The Montana Legislature's Rules Committees, December 15, 2020 On behalf of the health, safety and livelihoods of all our Montana constituents, I beg of the Rules Committees to postpone this session for several months until the COVID19 vaccination program is well underway. Or plan for safer all remote session. For our Representatives in Helena and East Helena, the Capital City is their home. This isn't a place for state lawmakers to act irresponsibly in the midst of a raging, wretched, deadly pandemic (826 deaths), without concern for the negative consequences our community members and all of Montana will face. Here's an example, Lewis and Clark County (4011 infections, 27 deaths) has had half the number of infections and half of the number of deaths of Flathead County (8061 infections, 44 deaths). Why are Lewis & Clark County's numbers smaller you might ask? It is because Lewis & Clark County has been actively practicing in public health control measures of mask wearing, social distancing and limited capacity in businesses. We want Montanans to be able to participate in the legislative process safely. We also want to keep Lewis & Clark County as safe as possible. The 27 deaths in Lewis & Clark County are people we know and care about. We want to protect our residents, especially those who are most at risk, and also those who represent Lewis & Clark County in the Montana legislature. Please consider either a postponement or a remote session. Regards, Rick Cottingham Beth Cottingham 928 Logan Street Helena MT 59601

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Your Full Name:
Janet L. Childress

Email Address:
ocjcinmt@aol.com

Subject Line:
Safe session

Your Comment:

I would like to point out that the rules for the upcoming legislative session need to err on the side of caution. As a retired nurse, I feel that I have a better understanding of the coronavirus crisis than Jane Doe on the street. Democrats have listened to public health experts and have put forward proposals to conduct that session that make scientific sense and are based on rational thinking. As of 2PM EST today, Montana has had 74,160 cases of the virus and 826 deaths. ND has had 88,073 cases and 1,163 deaths. SD has had 91,699 cases and 1,261 deaths. ID has had 122,679 cases and 1199 deaths. (Figures from NYT) MT currently has a Democratic governor at the helm who has listened to public health experts. COVID is a public health issue. The other states listed have Republican governors. ND's Bergum dragged his feet. SD's Noem is a Trump clone. The rules need to be based on SCIENCE not business or political interests. Science has shown over and over that masking, social distancing and handwashing reduce the incidence of the virus. Science is based on facts. What refutes science? Further scientific investigation and empirical data. What doesn't refute science? Feelings, religion, and politics I am a Helena resident. If you cannot follow the science for holding the session then you are endangering my life. You have options: Delay the session. Give the state time to get the majority of us vaccinated. Moderna's vaccine is now on the cusp of approval which will increase the number of vaccines available and should reduce the time line to get everyone vaccinated. Hold virtual sessions. At the very least, have small gatherings, wear masks, and employ social distancing. Thank you for your time.

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Your Full Name:

Patricia Bradley

Email Address:

patbradley368@gmail.com

Subject Line:

House/Senate Rules in a pandemic

Your Comment:

Please: Mask up; Distance physically; Allow full participation from every legislator and citizen; stop the covid virus by observing health care measures and good science. Use your common sense, collegiality and good manners and the session will go well.

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Your Full Name:

John E Pilsworth

Email Address:

johnlinda700@msn.com

Subject Line:

Safety of all in this new session.

Your Comment:

Noticed a fair amount of responses to the in person voting/attendance(all opposed)! Seeing as this body does consist of some fairly older individuals, caution should be on everyone's agenda. Great thought should be given to taking advantage of new technology for the safety of all involved!

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Your Full Name:

Roxane Weikel

Email Address:

roxane.weikel@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Covid safety - adopt CDC guidelines

Your Comment:

I urge you to adopt the CDC safety measures for this session to enable all legislators and the public to fully participate. That includes wearing a mask, social distancing and virtual participation. Businesses, schools and the community need to minimize their potential exposure to this virus. As I understand it, Gov elect Gianforte states he is encouragin mask use as well. As you know, when I wear a mask it protects YOU from me. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Mariann Van Den Elzen

Email Address:

mariann.vde@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Support for SJ109.ATE (Abbott)

Your Comment:

I am writing the Joint Rules Committee in support of amendment SJ109.ATE. This amendment is proactive and preemptive in minimizing the public health risks and impacts of the 2021 Legislature. I encourage the Joint Rules Committee to stand up for the health of all Montana residents and visitors. Even though this might be a difficult decision, please support amendment SJ109.ATE to reduce further spread of covid-19 and make Montana healthy again.

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Your Full Name:
Liz Gundersen MD

Email Address:
lizgunmontana@gmail.com

Subject Line:
do not try to hold maskless meetings during the session - COVID is dangerous

Your Comment:
As a retired physician who has lived through the damage wrought by contagious diseases - polio - measles -HIV - I advise you to take this pandemic seriously, and prevent unnecessary death and disability. Wear masks, and avoid meeting in closed spaces

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Your Full Name:
Margaret K Bentwood

Email Address:
mkbentwood@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Covid accommodations

Your Comment:
Please allow legislators to participate and vote virtually. Please allow public comment virtually. As a Helena resident, I am afraid that the Legislature will cause a Covid surge in the Spring in Helena. We won't even have vaccinations for all of our citizens until May at the earliest. Please help protect the health and welfare of Helena residents and Montanans all across the state!

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Your Full Name:

Nicole Riebe

Email Address:

megonzo1@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

2021 Session Rules

Your Comment:

In order for Montanans to safely participate in their government (our participation is constitutionally guaranteed), I urge you to delay the session until this spring. The only thing that legally has to be done by July 1 is pass the budget. If you feel that the session cannot wait, then please keep ALL Montanans safe and to a remote session. No matter where you are from in the state, your constituents health and lives are at stake. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Gail and John Richardson

Email Address:

envirogail@q.com

Subject Line:

HR 1 as amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:

As Montanans who have lived, worked and recreated in our beloved state for over 40 years we are appalled and angered by the possibility of the Rules Committee disenfranchising over 800,000 Montanans. By allowing the 15 committee chairs complete control they can shut down or ignore anyone they don't agree with. Everyone's representatives deserve to be heard! Don't silence 85 representatives elected by Montanans. Just say a loud NO to this rule change. Thanks for listening.

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Your Full Name:
Meagen Heenan

Email Address:
meagenbh@yahoo.com

Subject Line:
Masks

Your Comment:
I'm writing to implore you to require all legislators to wear masks and social distance during the legislative session. Please lead by example and help stop the spread of Covid in our communities.

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Your Full Name:

Janis L Strout

Email Address:

janchangethatworks@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

HR 1 as amended to HR101ATE

Your Comment:

I am writing to comment on this because I may not be available during the time available for public testimony although I've requested it. HR 1 as amended to HR101ATE must be opposed by all who believe that a democracy includes voices, perspectives, evidence, and lived experience that doesn't need to fit a particular Party or ideology. Effective Governance must be for the People, by the people and to ultimately benefit all of the people. I am very concerned about this proposed joint legislative Rules Committee policy and believe we will short change not only the critical thinking needed for every piece of legislation coming before our elected representatives, but also this is not what Democracy is all about. This proposal will do great harm to how we govern, who is allowed to govern, and reducing an already dwindling confidence in our government itself. You have the responsibility to uphold the Montana Constitution and to listen to All voices whether you like or agree with them or not and then ideally to compromise for the greater good. Please defeat this proposal and follow the Constitution of our great state of Montana. And ultimately of our United States. Thank you for listening.

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Your Full Name:

Dena Burt

Email Address:

denajburt@gmail.com

Subject Line:

COVID Safety

Your Comment:

I would hope that Montana Elected Officials are aware that for the safety of others social distancing and wearing masks are needed. This is not a political issue. It shows caring citizen that represents Montana citizens. It is NOT a macho man contest. Two of my personal friends died this month in Montana. Please don't let others join them.

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Your Full Name:

Joel

Email Address:

Jfassbinder@mscopff.org

Subject Line:

HR1

Your Comment:

Vote NO. All bills deserve to be heard by the committees rather than a chair person deciding the fate. Transparency for all of Montana and we are watching you. Vote NO

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Your Full Name:

Mari Cahalan

Email Address:

mari_cahalan@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Montana house rules committee vote

Your Comment:

I am asking you to please vote AGAINST HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

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Your Full Name:

Anne Harrid

Email Address:

harrisanne41@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Masks-Covid safety

Your Comment:

Please require masks during this session. The community should be able to participate safely as should the legislators

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Your Full Name:

Judy Silverman

Email Address:

silvermanj1@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Public Comment

Your Comment:

Please require masks and social distancing throughout the 2021 legislative session. If you don't want to do that, please postpone the session until it is safe to do it in person.

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Your Full Name:

Shanna Herrick

Email Address:

shobanna@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Wearing masks in session

Your Comment:

Please require masks and social distancing throughout the 2021 legislative session, and if you don't want to do that, please postpone the session until it is safe to be in-person. Do the right and responsible thing. Thank you

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Date: 15th December 2020 13:56

Your Full Name:

Cara

Email Address:

Caramiranti@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Masks in the Capitol

Your Comment:

To whom it may concern: Please require masks be worn during the 2021 legislative session. Please set an example for all Montanans and commit to fighting COVID from every angle. If you cannot commit to this simple task, please postpone the session and save lives. Do the right thing. Compassion is not a political matter: Respectfully, Cara Uribe

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Your Full Name:

Alaina Knight

Email Address:

alk205@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

Against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:

Please fulfill your responsibility to the people of Montana and ensure proposed bills get a hearing by voting against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. HR1 as amended would give just 15 Republican committee chairs the ability to crush bills without public discussion. That is not democracy. It would also give individual House committee chairs the unilateral power to kill Senate bills that are working their way through the House system after passing through the upper chamber. That is not democracy. It's an attempt to give 15 or so committee chairs free reign to effectively silence anyone that they don't agree with. That is not democracy. It's power grabbing and lazy legislating. Montanans deserve representative governance.

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Your Full Name:
Emily Olive Tosoni

Email Address:
emilyolivetosoni@gmail.com

Subject Line:
vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:
As a constituent and concerned citizen, I respectfully demand that you vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE - this is a disgrace to our democratic process and to all bills having equal representation in committee.

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Your Full Name:

Amber McDermott

Email Address:

ambermcdermott@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Legislative rules requiring masks

Your Comment:

Please protect the safety of all lawmakers and concerned constituents who will be addressing the legislature this upcoming session and require masks in session. This is the responsible thing to do to save Montanan's lives.

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Your Full Name:

Aleksi Rapkin

Email Address:

Aleksi1840@gmail.com

Subject Line:

HR1

Your Comment:

Please vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. Please don't silence the Representatives that were recently elected.

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Attachments: MWF 2021 Legislative COVID Rules Making Comments.pdf

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Date: 15th December 2020 13:35

Your Full Name:
Marcus Strange

Email Address:
mstrange@mtwf.org

Subject Line:
2021 Rule Making-Public Health

Your Comment:
Please find our attached comment letter. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Lynne Merrick

Email Address:

merrick_lynne@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

15 members controlling the Legislature

Your Comment:

Do not let 15 members control what the Legislature hears - this is grossly unfair to us Montanans.

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Your Full Name:
Valeri McGarvey

Email Address:
mcgarvey779@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Virtual session

Your Comment:
I would ask that the committee choose to do a remote session due to Covid-19 safety concerns. If that is not possible, please consider postponing until the virus is more controlled. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Mariah Palmer

Email Address:

mariahgoldendesign@gmail.com

Subject Line:

HR1

Your Comment:

Please vote no on HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

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Your Full Name:

Maxine Ramey

Email Address:

maxine.ramey@umontana.edu

Subject Line:

No Mask/Face to Face requirements for full participation for legislators

Your Comment:

I fully support the views of many in the MT Legislature: "On behalf of the health, safety and livelihoods of our Montana constituents, I implore the Rules Committees to postpone session for a few months until the COVID19 vaccination program is well underway. Either that or plan for an all-remote session. For my constituents in Helena and East Helena, the Capital City is their home. It's not a place for state lawmakers to act irresponsibly in the midst of a raging, wretched, deadly pandemic, without concern for the negative consequences my community members and all of Montana will face." I believe that a majority of Montanans view mask wearing, remote participation for governance, public school instruction, teaching at Montana's universities and colleges as critical to maintaining community health and safety of all Montanans. CDC rules and recommendations should not be ignored by smart and competent men and women. A short term solution to our crisis until the vaccine can be full distributed. It is the right thing to do.

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Your Full Name:
Wendy Wheeler

Email Address:
westernwheelers@msn.com

Subject Line:
Safety during Covid

Your Comment:
The safety of our communities should be of primary concern to you, our Montana legislators. Please conduct the legislative session remotely to avoid becoming a super-spreader event for Covid-19.. Making the decision now will give legislative staff time to ensure proper resources are in place.

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Your Full Name:

Dean Pavlakis

Email Address:

pavlakis1@verizon.net

Subject Line:

House and Senate rules for conducting the Legislative Session

Your Comment:

As a Montanan, I ask the House and Senate to demonstrate their individual and collective responsibility for the welfare of their constituencies by adopting appropriate covid-19 prevention techniques as rules for the upcoming Session, including, minimally, mask requirements, social distancing, and allowing senators and representatives to participate by Zoom. With the flood of lobbyists and others who also come to the Session, it would be better to hold the entire session by Zoom. Montana has already spent time among the most infectious places in the country. We should let other states hold that top spot and let Montana be a pioneer in doing what we can to keep the rate of infection down. As a resident of Helena, I am particularly worried that Helena's rate of new infections will spike during the session, and I would prefer to be safe from the virus until I get a vaccination.

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Date: 15th December 2020 13:16

Your Full Name:
Deborah Stebbins

Email Address:
schrowdinger@yahoo.com

Subject Line:
HR1 amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:
Please vote no on HR1 ammended by HR101ATE. This resolution gives to much power to a small group and goes against the very basis of democracy. Our goverment is a representative democracy, by giving a few chair members this power you are taking the power away from the other representatives. And therefore denying many montanians their right to representation.

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Your Full Name:

Patricia Bik

Email Address:

plouisebik@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Virtual Meeting

Your Comment:

Please stay safe and allow Helena citizens to stay safe during the coronavirus pandemic by conducting the legislative meetings remotely using zoom or another format that allows members to remain distant from our fair city and free from contagion from fellow legislators, lobbyists, staff or members of the public. I care about the safety and well-being of everyone concerned, including the general population of Helena. The last thing we need is another surge in Covid-19 cases as a result of legislators meeting in person. Our local hospital is already near capacity. This is a very serious matter of public health and I trust legislators take our public health seriously, Thank you.

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