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**Date:** 7th December 2020 20:11

**Your Full Name:**

gonnie siebel

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gonnie.siebel@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Upcoming 2021 legislative session

**Your Comment:**

In view of current medical advice and the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, I believe Montana should hold the 2021 session virtually, or just delay the 2021 session until vaccinations are accessible to everyone. Having meetings that will spread more virus throughout the state is unconscionable. Please be responsible and think about our burned out medical personnel as well as the more vulnerable in our population.

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**Date:** 7th December 2020 19:50

**Your Full Name:**  
Charlotte Sanborn

**Email Address:**  
charlotte.dike@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**  
Zoom is not acceptable for public discourse

**Your Comment:**

Today I tried to provide oral public comment through the Zoom meeting and was unable to due to a technical issue. Instead of resolving the issue, the meeting moved forward and the public comment period closed within a minute of my "turn". I called Legislative Services immediately and was informed several hours later that there would be no more public comment period for the Joint Rules Committee. This is exactly why Virtual Meetings cannot replace in person public legislative sessions. This would not have happened had I been there in person. I would have been there in person, in fact, but the Rules Committee website did not make it clear that in person public comment would be allowed. I have attached written testimony and I thank you for taking the time to read it.

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**Your Full Name:**

Virjeana Brown

**Email Address:**

jbrown89531@live.com

**Subject Line:**

2021 Legislation

**Your Comment:**

Please do virtually or postpone until vaccine is available.

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**Your Full Name:**

Anna Semple

**Email Address:**

annacorrin@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Remote legislative sessions

**Your Comment:**

As a citizen who may wish to exercise my right to participate in our legislative process, I appalled that in-person session is being considered. I do not feel safe attending a large group meeting, especially since so many legislators have expressed their opposition to mask wearing. This effectively excludes me from participating in any testimony or observation as a member of the public. I also wish for the health of all legislators and think it is inconsiderate to ask them to risk their well-being when online options have proven viable for other official business across the state.

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**Your Full Name:**

Ernie Meador

**Email Address:**

erniemeador@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Virtual session

**Your Comment:**

I was appalled by the arrogant lack of masks among Republicans in the capitol. Why is it OK to risk the health of staff and their families to make an ideological point in defiance of scientific consensus. Seriously, this is public health with nearly 300,000 fellow Americans already dead and 9/11 casualties daily. You do your State and your country a great disservice. If you will not agree to operate virtually then let staff go home if you won't look out for them. You do not have the right to endanger innocents. You took oaths.

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**Date:** 7th December 2020 17:58

**Your Full Name:**

Justina

**Email Address:**

justina.merja@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Having an open and accessible session

**Your Comment:**

Please keep the Capital open to in-person session and open to the public!

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**Date:** 7th December 2020 17:47

**Your Full Name:**

Derek Ivester

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mountainfreshice@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

COVID safety for Legislative Session

**Your Comment:**

I feel that in order to lead by example and maintain the health and safety of elected officials, that the 2021 session should be handled remotely. Thank you for your time.

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**Your Full Name:**

Robyn Lauster

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robkyl@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

2021 Montana Legislative Session

**Your Comment:**

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