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**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

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**Date:** 8th December 2020 13:38

**Your Full Name:**  
Heidi Harting-Rex

**Email Address:**  
hhartingrex@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**  
Please run the legislative session remotely

**Your Comment:**  
Hello! Based on the spread of COVID, I write to urge you to please run the sessions remotely. Our kids in college; our work; our daily life habits have all gone remote to protect the spread. Bringing legislatures from around the state, all to converge on Helena, is unsafe. Therefore, please run the forthcoming sessions via Zoom or another medium. Thanks.

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**Your Full Name:**

Julie Stetson

**Email Address:**

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**Subject Line:**

Virtual legislative session

**Your Comment:**

I am writing to urge you not to hold the Session in person this year. While all of Montana has seen a dramatic upswing in cases of Covid, Lewis & Clark County is, at this moment, especially hard hit. Our hospital and health care workers are stretched to their absolute limit. We simply don't have the resources to care for any legislators who become ill—either from Covid or from any other cause. We also don't have extra resources to care for any residents of Lewis & Clark who become ill as a result of irresponsible behavior on the part of visiting legislators. I am particularly concerned about this last point in light of the fact that many of our state legislators have expressed contempt for the seriousness of this pandemic and for following rules that might help avoid the virus's spread. No Montanan's life is worth holding the 2021 session in person. -Julie Stetson, Helena MT

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**Your Full Name:**

Karla bolken

**Email Address:**

bolkenk@yahoo.com

**Subject Line:**

2021 legislative session

**Your Comment:**

Please either hold the 2021 legislative session virtually, or require all legislators to quarantine in Helena to avoid spread of Covid-19.

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**Date:** 8th December 2020 10:19

**Your Full Name:**  
Roxanna McLaughlin

**Email Address:**  
gaia\_maid@yahoo.com

**Subject Line:**  
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.

**Your Comment:**  
Please hold the 2021 MT Legislature sessions virtually. This is to protect the legislature as well as all those that work within the capitol. Allowing Montana lawmakers to work safely until Covid 19 is under control is just good sense, doesn't threaten anyone, and will streamline the work in these times, when we need it most. Thank you. Stay well.

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**Your Full Name:**

Linda Hays

**Email Address:**

lindabuff@mail.com

**Subject Line:**

DO NOT HOLE SPECIAL SESSION IN PERSON

**Your Comment:**

The vaccine is coming soon, England already has it. Do not bring legislators to Helena, which is a Covid hotspot, and then send them to every county in Montana! It's entirely possible to hold the session via Zoom and protect the citizens of Montana during this pandemic. Afterwards we will be able to tell what the effect your actions had on our infection rate but then IT WILL BE TOO LATE. DON'T BRING MORE VIRUS TO HELENA- WE BEG YOU.

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Julie Stetson

**Email Address:**

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**Subject Line:**

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**Your Comment:**

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

**Your Full Name:**

Derek Ivester

**Email Address:**

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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