

Mike Ferrant

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To: Mike Ferrant
Subject: comments for Tuesday meeting on Zoom

Hi Mike,

Here are my comments:

Zoom meeting advantages:

I prefer meeting in person, but found some advantages to Zoom meetings, chief advantage being accessibility to witnesses from outside of Montpelier. Zoom also makes it easier for legislators and staff to “get to work” in inclement weather.

Disadvantages:

There are many aspects of human interaction that are not available with the limited dimensions of Zoom meetings, like direct eye contact with one person, noticing physical signals from a person, and being able to freely move one’s body. As a staff member I was lucky that I could turn my video off during meetings, but legislators are frozen in place, and I perceive that this is hard on one’s body for the extended hours they must be on Zoom.

Suggestion:

Live meetings at the State Complex with Zoom option for witnesses and legislators who can’t attend physically.



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Senate Agriculture Committee: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3ogCBBT6D13zAYmsLI0Oiw/featured>

House Agriculture and Forestry Committee: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHQCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/featured>

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