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Dear Members of the House Committee on State, Veteran and Military Affairs:

I'm writing in support of HCR-1001.

HCR-1001 would reduce the duration of the legislative session to 90 days in odd numbered years, and to 60 days in even numbered years. The extra 30 days in the first year would enable a biennial budget to be passed. This would allow the legislature to be more strategic when thinking about the financial needs of the state.

HCR-1001 would also place the responsibility for the budget in the hands of all of our representatives, not just 6 members of the Joint Budget Committee. Every representative would be responsible for budget items based on their area of committee expertise. That is accountability that taxpayers like to see for their elected representatives.

Since each legislator would have only 2 bills, instead of 5, imagine how much less damage would be done to the citizens of the Centennial State if legislators could only do 40% of the damage they could do in a 120-day session with 5 bills each.

It costs between \$5,000 and \$15,000 to run a bill. Some bills are run only to send a message, or to get one's opponent on the record with a vote that can be used against him or her in a re-election bid. Sounds like good politics, but does that serve the people of the state of Colorado? It surely does not.

For these reasons, I urge a "yes" vote on HCR-1001.



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