	MT	Manhattan	Tyler Samlowski	Self	11/18/2025 08:23 AM
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**Subject:** HJ 47: Panel with municipal safety entity representatives on cooperation

**Comment:** To Whom it may concern,

HJ 47 needs to be shut down. This motion is undermining the overwhelming majority of local residents that voted to have Central Valley Fire District protect Belgrade residence in 2020. The preposed motion takes the power away from voters and places it directly in the hands of Belgrade City Managers. This preposed motion will put increases on local taxes without getting a vote on the matter.

	MT	Three Forks	Nick Tucker	Self	11/19/2025 09:40 PM
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**Subject:** HJ47

**Comment:** I'm writing to express my concern with HJ47 and the potential passing without the knowledge from constituents. The lack of transparency from the city of Belgrade to the public and its partnering agencies seems very deceptive on the city and assistant city managers part. The law that was passed a few years back allowing a first-class municipality to enter into a fire district was voted on by the citizens, so, it shouldn't be the decision of the governing city board to reverse that decision without the approval of its constituents. Thank you



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Three Forks


Madeleine Tucker

Self

11/19/2025 09:47 PM


**Subject:** Bill HJ47

**Comment:** I am writing to object HJ47. When my husband mentioned this to me I could only help but giggle. My first thought was how SILLY, and my second was OBVIOUSLY this is being set forth by a shady politician(s)- trying to take away the voices of taxpayers. Any normal person would look at the incredible job CVFD does in their community and wonder why someone is trying to not only cut funding from a very well functioning fire dept, but also cut jobs from people who CLEARLY are dedicated to this community (considering cost of living/salary ratio). I hope you all consider Cardwell's past and ask yourself "Does he REALLY have the citizen's BEST interest in mind?" And what a coincidence that Tyron was the Fire Chief for a brief minute at CVFD... hmm... was this the plan all along? I get power hungry chills thinking about their motives. Allow the citizens of Belgrade to make these kinds of choices NOT two dudes who had a midlife crisis and thought montana was a good place to go. Thank you for reading.

	MT	Manhattan	Ashley Coulthard	Self	11/19/2025 10:04 PM
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**Subject:** HJ 47

**Comment:** My understanding is that the City of Belgrade residents voted to become a part of Central Valley Rural Fire District in 2020. Why is the voice of the voter's being taken away? Why are their decisions being undone?

	MT	Bozeman	Briana Scherrer	Self	11/19/2025 10:18 PM
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**Subject:** HJ47 is a Threat to My Safety and My Vote

**Comment:** The proposed bill, HJ 47, authorizes first-class municipality boards to withdraw from rural fire districts without necessitating a vote from their taxpayers. The people should have the power to vote for their own safety, fire, and EMS protection without leaving it in the hands of a government entity. This bill is a guise of a withdrawal with structured transition process out of a rural fire district without any mention of maintaining or improving the level of service offered to the community members. The approval of this bill would mean a less safe community and a people who are powerless to vote. By fragmenting an existing, established, and evolving fire district, there inevitably will be sacrifices in both the rural fire district as well as the withdrawing municipal entity in: equipment, facilities, trained personnel, and staffing. This bill appears to be a reach for short-term municipal autonomy. I am concerned for my safety, my voice, and my vote to be lost if HJ47 was to pass.

	MT	Belgrade	Cody Lipperd	Self	11/19/2025 11:53 AM
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**Subject:** City Of Belgrade is undermining its citizens.

**Comment:** The citizens of the city of Belgrade voted 4 years ago to change legislation to be able to join Central Valley Fire District as a Class 1 City. Now the city of Belgrade is attempting to change the laws back without the Citizens of the City knowing. This Committee is built to change the laws with out the Citizens vote or even proper knowledge of the implications. While the city of Belgrade recently let go of 4 positions in the Belgrade Police Department, they continue to try and annex more into the city and are planning to sneak their way into building their own Fire Department, which will cause the citizens more in taxes, lower level of professionalism and level of service to Belgrade. This is a Anti-First responder stance they are taking. This is also an attempt to circumvent the voters of the City. This is a move in the shadows. This is a slimy politician move and is not the what the Citizens voted for. As a member of the City of Belgrade, This is NOT what I voted for, shut this down