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Chair Fogarty, Speaker Shekarchi, and members of the Rules Committee:

I'm writing in support of the rules change described by H5036, which would allow a few more bills to receive committee votes rather than being opaquely "held for further study."

It is extremely challenging, for those of us who support legislation that we value dearly and work hard to build support for, to see the bills we like "held" with no other feedback and no recorded votes to let us know where our representatives stand, year after year.

I respect the need for the House leadership to prevent an unmanageable flood of floor votes, but I think there must be some compromise, such as that represented by H5036, that would make our legislature function more democratically. As things stand now, it is just impossible to tell how, when, or whether the sausage is made!

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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