

3 March 2021

Re: SB 2201: Relating to daylight saving time.

Dear Honorable Representatives,

Whereas I fully support the abolition of the twice-yearly clock change, I am strongly opposed that it be in favor of permanent Daylight-Saving Time (DST).

Growing up in the United Kingdom, I recall when the British government adopted permanent DST in the early 1970s. The prospect of lighter winter evenings came at a cost, however, and was hugely unpopular with the British public. Parents were not at all happy about sending their children off to school in the dark and no-one liked the late sunrises. Permanent DST lasted a year, I think, before we went back to adjusting our clocks every spring and fall.

Please also consider this: North Dakota on permanent DST would mean that from November to about mid-March we would be one hour ahead of all the other states in the Central Standard time zone and two hours ahead of Mountain Time. From the standpoint of the residents in those states (and the Canadian provinces to our north), North Dakota's stores, restaurants and other businesses would therefore close early for about half the year, including the four or five extremely busy shopping weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For the sake of our wellbeing and a healthy economy, I respectfully ask that SB 2201 be amended to permanent Standard Time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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