

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1259
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1259 good legislation. This legislation will provide better regularity to schedules and is a step towards nationally eliminating Daylight Savings Time.

Daylight Savings Time was invented at a time when people operated with mostly natural lighting and was considered an energy saving measure. In this day and age, this consideration no longer applies, and we have continued the practice of throwing off our sleep schedules twice a year. We need to eliminate this requirement. Other states have adopted a Standard Time reference year-round. We can do it too.

I would offer a couple of needed amendments in this bill. In Section 1, Subsection 2 and 3, it references the “mean solar time of the one hundred and fiftieth degree of longitude west from Greenwich.” This meridian defines one of the time zones in Alaska, and I believe it is an error. The reference meridian numbers in HB1259 should be 90 degrees West for CST and 105 degrees West for MST.

Please give HB1259 a Do Pass.

Thank you,
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