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### Opposition to HB1259

Good morning, my name is Chase Angermeier and I live in Mandan, North Dakota. I am writing today in opposition of the bill to implement Standard time year-round. This will greatly negatively affect the lives of workers and residents of North Dakota. Firstly, for residents, we are fortunate enough to have beautiful weather in the summer and fall months, which allows people to go outside and spend time with their friends and family. Going solely to standard greatly reduces the amount of time we will have sunshine in the day, reducing activities on lakes, parks, and the Missouri River. Many outdoor events such as sporting and recreation will be playing in the dark, which discourages residents from attending or participating. For workers, as someone who works with others from surrounding states, the time change greatly impacts the abilities of workers to work effectively with others living in the country as our state would have unique times that contradict with the surrounding states, our neighbors. Another factor to consider is that during the summer and fall months, many employees enjoy the extended sunshine and nice weather, but with this change, that would be reduced causing employees to leave work early and overall reduce productivity for North Dakota based companies. This change would also be changing our time zones to match that of a separate country to the north, whereas we should be focused on aligning with our American neighbors, the states.

I have tried to do my best to keep this testimony short, please consider keeping Daylight Savings Time in North Dakota as it provides many benefits to our residents and workers. Let's not try and be different, let's continue to be great.

Thank you,

Chase Angermeier