

Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for your time. My name is Karina Glander, and I am both an employee of North Dakota and a resident of Fargo-Moorhead. I am writing to express my opposition to ND House Bill 1259. The proposed elimination of daylight savings time in North Dakota presents significant challenges and barriers for our communities.

My family resides in Moorhead, MN, where our children attend school and daycare, while my husband and I work in Fargo, ND. As a working family, we already face difficulties in balancing our work schedules with our children's routines. If House Bill 1259 is enacted, we will need to make substantial adjustments to our lives. For instance, during the months Minnesota recognizes daylight savings time, our daughter would start school an hour after our workday begins, or we would have to leave work an hour early to pick up our youngest from daycare before it closes each day. This disruption is solely due to North Dakota's proposed decision to eliminate daylight savings time, making it only the second state in the United States to do so.

My ask of the committee is to strongly consider the unnecessary burdens this bill would place on North Dakota employees, students and individuals living and traveling through the Red River Valley and reject House Bill 1259.

Sincerely,

Karina Glander