

Dear State and Local Government Committee Members-

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB1259. As one of the largest catering companies in the region, we conduct business on both sides of the Red River. The implementation of two different time zones would create significant complications for our operations.

We anticipate inevitable staffing challenges. As a substantial portion (approximately one-third) of our population lives and works in border cities, this bill creates additional challenges for businesses and for North Dakota's economic stability.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I urge you to recommend a "do not pass" vote on this bill in committee.

Sincerely,  
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