



The Chamber of Commerce Grand Forks / East Grand Forks, representing 1,100 members, strongly urges a *Do Not Pass* on the elimination of daylight savings time.

This change would create a time zone divide between North Dakota and Minnesota for half the year, leading to confusion and significant disruptions—especially for border communities like Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. Our businesses, workforce, and families rely on synchronized time to function efficiently.

**Workforce Disruptions:** Many employees live on one side of the border and work on the other. A time difference would throw off work schedules, lunch breaks, carpooling, and bus routes. Employers would face constant scheduling issues, and workers might struggle to arrive at the correct time.

**Family Challenges:** Imagine leaving work in Grand Forks at 5 p.m., only to arrive home in East Grand Forks 10 minutes later—where it's already 6:10 p.m., and your child's baseball game has already begun. This kind of confusion would strain family schedules and activities.

**Business Impact:** The most affected would be appointment-based businesses—doctors, dentists, optometrists, hair stylists, and others. People would inevitably show up an hour late or early, leading to costly disruptions, lost revenue, and frustration for both professionals and clients. At a time when businesses are already dealing with workforce shortages, this unnecessary complication would only add to the challenge.

We've seen the consequences of divided time zones before. In 1991, Bismarck and Mandan found themselves in separate time zones due to a local decision. The result? Widespread confusion, scheduling nightmares, and a logistical mess. A year later, Morton County reversed course, reuniting both cities under one time zone.

Let's learn from history and avoid making the same mistake. We urge lawmakers to reject this proposal and keep our communities, businesses, and families on the same schedule.

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