



Coalition Letter of Opposition – HB 1259

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Chair Roers and Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we strongly oppose House Bill 1259 regarding daylight saving time. This bill would negatively impact commerce across North Dakota, particularly in border communities.

While we understand the desire to eliminate daylight saving time, this issue should be addressed at the federal level. Our regions operate as unified bi-state economies, with thousands crossing the Red River daily for work and business. The proposed change would create confusion, administrative burdens, and economic disruption, placing North Dakota at a competitive disadvantage.

For half the year, Eastern North Dakota residents, businesses, students and visitors traveling to and from Minnesota would need to constantly adjust their clocks. If enacted, North Dakota would be the only Midwest state on Standard Time, further complicating commerce and workforce mobility. Businesses already face challenges attracting and retaining talent—this change would add another barrier to economic growth.

We encourage the committee to strongly consider the unintended consequences on border communities and the broader economy. This bill imposes unnecessary burdens and disrupts standard business operations. We, undersigned organizations, strongly oppose this bill and urge this committee to **OPPOSE** House Bill 1259.

Thank you for your consideration and dedication to North Dakota.

Sincerely,

The Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber Grand Forks/East Grand Forks, Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce and the undersigned organizations:

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| 701 Ferber Inc (DBA Senior Helpers Home Care of Eastern ND) | Chef's Table Catering                                     |
| Aflac – Grand Forks   | Concordia College   |
| American Crystal Sugar Company                              | Cornerstone Bank  |
| Balloons by Misti   | Countryside Insurance Agency                              |
| Bergstrom Electric  | Dairy Queen – Grand Forks                                 |
| Bethany Retirement Living                                   | Dance, etc!   |
| Boiler Room   | Design Resources Group                                    |
| Brew Catering   | Dow Services Inc  |
| Bud and Ralph's Appliance Service Inc.                      | Downtown Development Association                          |
| Building Industry Association of the Red River Valley       | Economic Development Authority of East Grand Forks, MN    |
| Camrud, Maddock, Olson & Larson, Ltd.                       | Edward Jones - Brian Fedje                                |
| Cardinal IG   | Eide Bailly LLP   |
| Career Impact Academy                                       | ESHARA (Ethnic Self-Help Alliance for Refugee Assistance) |
| Cash-Wa Distributing of Fargo                               | Express Employment Professionals                          |
| Cass County Electric Cooperative                            | Fargo Jet Center  |

Fargo Post 400 Legion  
Feed My Starving Children FargoPack  
Flag Family Media  
Flint Group  
Flom Property Group  
Fur Love of Fargo, Inc.  
Gf Bin Cleaners DBA Clean it Crew  
Grand Forks Public School District #1  
Happy Harry's Bottle Shops  
Healing Arts Chiropractic  
Homeward Animal Shelter  
Homewood Suites by Hilton Fargo  
House of Bounce LLC  
Immigrant Development Center  
JLN Enterprises LLC DBA The Olive Barrel  
Livewire Entertainment Media Services LLC  
Marge's Diner  
McKenna & Associates, PC  
Memory Cafe of the Red River Valley  
Microsoft Fargo  
Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative  
MINT Brand Marketing  
MJM Properties, LLC  
Nexus Innovations, Inc.  
Northern Expressions Laser Engraving &  
Fabrication  
Northern Plumbing Supply  
Omdalen Chiropractic Clinic  
Opp Construction LLC  
Park Co Realtors  
Principal Financial  
PRO Resources

Red River R/C Flyers  
Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Right Choice Electric Inc  
River Cities Speedway  
Roers Construction Company, LLC  
Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red  
River Valley  
S&S Promotional Group  
Senior Care Authority  
Site On Sound Inc  
Smartt Interior Construction  
Spice Investment Group Inc  
Steve Christian Business Group Inc  
The Arc Upper Valley  
The LISTEN Center  
The Minnesota State University Moorhead School  
of Performing Arts  
The Rock Bottle Shop  
Thompson Jorgenson American Legion  
Thoreson Steffes Trust Company  
Treat Play Love  
United Valley Bank  
Urban Foods Catering  
Valley Vision Clinic  
VanderHagen Commercial Real Estate  
Vilandre Fuel & Heating Inc.  
Vilandre Heating/AC/Plumbing/Electrical  
Visit Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo  
Visit Greater Grand Forks  
WE Ortho  
Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc.  
YHR Partners