

Chairman Roers and Members of the Senate State & Local Government Committee:

I write in strong opposition to House Bill 1259. I have children and we love being outside night starting now in the spring and continuing through fall. Just last night my two oldest went outside at around 8 to shoot baskets as the light was fading from the sky. It was so fun to watch. I want them to be active and be outside. But this would not be as possible with staying on standard time. That night it would have been dark at 7 – I'm a working mom who gets home with the kids around 6 so by the time they eat supper its after 7 when it would be dark under this bill.

Additionally, my family farms and ranches. We are often out in the fields, checking cows, haying, etc. late into the evening. The additional safety provided by the daylight is very important and necessary to our farmers and ranchers.

Lots of sporting events (softball and baseball especially) would have to start earlier in the evening to get their games in. That means I have to leave work even earlier if I want to see my child play sports.

I'm a mom that had to help my kids through a time change twice a year and honestly it's a struggle for a day but then we all find a new routine. This trade off is nothing compared to the extra sunlight and time outside we spend during the spring, summer, and fall due to daylight savings time.

Please think about the children enjoying the time outside and the farmers/ranchers getting work done in those summer evenings and put a DO NOT PASS recommendation on House Bill 1259.

Thank you all for your service to North Dakota – it is appreciated.

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