

To whom it may concern,

I ask, as a North Dakotan who loves to enjoy our long summer nights, that you vote "No" on HB 1259.

We spend a lot of time in North Dakota with less than favorable weather, but we are blessed with lovely summers. It would be a shame to lose an hour of useable daylight in the evening to an hour in the morning that, let's be honest, not many will be up to enjoy.

I believe that getting rid of Daylight Savings Time would be detrimental to so many individuals and businesses alike. Consider all the people who need to mow their lawns after work and dinner with their families, as well as the people who like to get in an extra round of golf or cruise around the lake. In addition, I imagine that our recreational and tourism destinations would be hurt by losing an hour of business--our State Parks and Medora come to mind. Another thing to consider are our towns and cities that border other states that will continue to observe DST, I imagine this could create a lot of unnecessary confusion.

I am a mother of 3, soon to be 4 children, so I understand the inconvenience of adjusting to the time change. However, I think a week of adjustment is a small price to pay for daylight hours that are better aligned to our use. After all, plenty of people jet off to warmer climates (in different time zones) for a few days each winter with no complaints about having to adjust to those time changes.

Thank you for your consideration,

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