

Opposition of HB 1259

Chairman and members of the committee

I am writing to you today to respectfully request a Do Not Pass recommendation for HB 1259.

My name is Ryan Dralle, I live and work in Bismarck, North Dakota. I have two wonderful young sons and work 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Bismarck, Monday – Thursday, I also run a small grain farm outside of town. If we get rid of Daylight Savings Time we would lose our most precious asset of the summer months, our beautiful long evenings after work. During my busiest months in the spring, I will get off work then head out to the farm and work out there until 10 – 11 P.M. Having sunlight until 9-10 at night is beneficial for all farmers/ranchers. I also greatly enjoy being able to spend ample amounts of time outside in the evenings with my two sons and the neighbor kids playing after I get off from work and do not have to go out to the farm.

If HB 1259 passes the sunrise in the western part of the state (Dickinson) would be at 3:56 A.M. during the summer solstice. That means it would start becoming light at roughly 3:30 A.M. in the morning for over a month during the summer, this is completely unnecessary. Now plug these numbers into our central time zone locations (Bismarck, Minot, Fargo) and it would begin getting light at 4:30 A.M during our beautiful summers. This would benefit few, while it being light until 10 P.M. would benefit most of us so we can enjoy those evenings after work. I understand the difficulties of raising young children and the adjustment that takes place in their sleep schedule during the week following the time change, but this is more than made right by enjoying the next 7 months outside in the evenings playing with my boys. I understand and agree that the time changes are burdensome, annoying and unpopular. But this is probably something that should be done at the federal level and not the state level as well to avoid an issue in areas like Fargo/Moorehead. Remember when Bismarck/Mandan were in different time zones? The only two states that do not have Daylight Savings Time is Hawaii and Arizona, this works well for them I imagine as they are both much further south than us and do not have the wide variance of sunlight hours that we have. If passed this is going to completely deplete the time that North Dakota families can spend together outside after work/supper/chores/cleaning is done because it will start getting darker earlier in the evenings.

We **NEED** Daylight Savings Time in North Dakota.

Lighter for Later!

Please give HB 1259 a **DO NOT PASS**.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ryan Dralle