

Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee. I am submitting testimony against HB 1259. I live in Fargo. My church is in Moorhead. I do business and attend events in all area of the Fargo-Moorhead metro area on both sides of the Red River.

Having two time zones for 6 months of the year would create challenges for individuals living on the border with Minnesota, but also the borders with Montana and South Dakota. Each day, there are countless individuals who cross the border with Minnesota to work in North Dakota and vice versa. There are college students in the border communities who live on one side of the Red River and attend college on the other side of the river. I believe older adults would find it very confusing and would miss appointments and events on the other side of the border with two time zones. Individuals would constantly need to be checking to see what time zone an appointment, activity or event take place. I also believe it would create challenges for the business community.

The twice a year time changes take a few days for our internal clock to adjust. In my opinion that is a much easier adjustment than wondering what time things are happening for 6 months of the year. I personally love having sunset later in the summer months and I believe that is common view for individuals throughout the state, not just on the border with Minnesota.

I ask you to vote no on the passage of HB 1259