

SB6

Email's For and Against

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Esther Mielke

From: Mike Heatwole <akheatwole@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:52 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6

Dear Chairman Lynn,

I write to you in full support of SB6. I have opposed Daylight Savings Time in Alaska, and frankly in the country, since I learned that it does not really accomplish anything. It does not save money. As a parent, I have seen how disruptive it is every year to the routine we have established in our household.

You will hear from people opposed to the bill that it will be a problem because the rest of the country will continue with it. Change comes slowly and I hope to see the day when DST is fully repealed across the nation. The only way we will see that change is to have states demonstrate the leadership necessary to affect this change nationally.

Thank you for your time,

Mike Heatwole
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Esther Mielke

From: Green, Richard <rgreen@sbsalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 6

Representative Lynn,

Bob, As a businessman, I want to express my support for SB 6. The minimal effect on business is shadowed by the negative effects to the vast majority of our population.

It is high time we correct time.

Thank you for your service.

(I also want to let you know that I very much enjoy your photography on FB!)

Richard

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Esther Mielke

From: JoAnn <steininj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:13 PM
To: gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Please maintain Daylight Savings Time. The arguments for abolishing it are unsubstantiated. Please keep us connected, in a timely manner, with the rest of our nation by keeping Daylight Savings Time.

Thank you,

JoAnn Steininger

Esther Mielke

From: Renee Schofield <renee@tss-safety.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

It's easy if you do the math. A five hour time difference hurts Alaska business. My industry associations (who provide most of my national training) are on the east coast. To have an employee attend a training, they will need to arise and be at work by 3 a.m. for an 8 a.m. meeting. This will not only slow productivity of that employee due to fatigue, but will also increase my labor costs for overtime. That does not make sense. My eastern seaboard clients will also be hindered by a 5 hour delay in my arrival to work. They'll simply find a vendor closer to home. I'll lose business. This doesn't make sense to me. KEEP DST!

Renee Schofield, CEO

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April 6, 2015

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Rep. Bob Lynn, Chairman

Rep. Wes Keller, Vice Chair

Rep. David Talerico

Rep. Liz Vazquez

Rep. Louise Stutes

Rep. Max Gruenberg

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

Re: Opposition to State Senate Bill 6 – Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representatives:

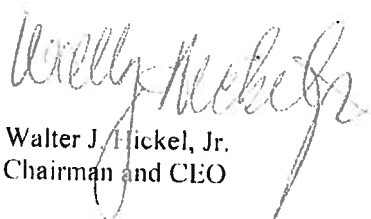
Hickel Investment Company respectfully opposes Senate Bill 6 (SB 6), an act exemption the state from Daylight Savings Time (DST).

Hickel Investment Company owns and operates the Hotel Captain Cook, the Voyager Inn and other commercial real estate properties in Anchorage and Eagle River, Alaska. Our company employs over 350 Alaskans and provides hospitality services to thousands of visitors from all fifty states and many parts of the world on an annual basis.

SB 6 will cause scheduling difficulties for the airline, transportation, tourism, and cruise industries. SB 6 will create headaches for our guests by unnecessarily throwing Alaska out of sync with time zones in the United States. We believe there is zero doubt that SB 6 will create frustrating and unnecessary difficulties for all Alaskan businesses, non-profits, tribal governments, the military, state and local governments, and even businesses located outside of this state.

With today's drop in oil prices Alaska is in an uncertain fiscal position. Alaskan businesses are the foundation to a strong, vibrant and diverse economy. The State of Alaska needs to "clear the way" for businesses to thrive and not implement policies that are unnecessarily harmful and create more hurdles. We believe the impacts of SB 6 will far outweigh any perceived or proposed benefits and therefore respectfully request that SB 6 is voted against and tabled until a change is made on a federal level.

Yours Respectfully,



Walter J. Hickel, Jr.
Chairman and CEO

Esther Mielke

From: Michelle Masden <mm@islandwings.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:34 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Island Wings Air Service - Opposition to SB06

Island Wings Air Service

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(907) 617-6925

April 7, 2015

RE: Opposition to Alaska becoming exempt from Daylight Savings time

Dear Representative Bob Lynn,

I respectfully request that you vote NO to Senate Bill 06 which would exempt Alaska from daylight savings time.

For the past 23 years, I have owned and currently operate a single plane single pilot air taxi business in Ketchikan. The majority of our business comes from tourism via the cruise ship industry. If Alaska adopts an exemption to daylight savings time the combined effects of early cruise ship departures for the entire summer and the loss of daylight hours in late summer would result in a loss of approximately 16% to 20% of our revenue. The aviation industry has a small profit margin and cannot sustain those losses.

Ketchikan has a total of 36 floatplanes being operated by 13 different companies. This bill will affect us all creating financial hardship and potentially putting many companies out of business. Additionally the economic trickledown effect on this community would be a huge loss.

A better alternative to becoming exempt from daylight savings would be for Alaska to remain on daylight savings time year round.

I implore you to vote against Alaska from becoming exempt from daylight savings time.

Sincerely,

Michelle Masden

Owner / Pilot

Island Wings Air Service

Esther Mielke

From: Jillian Simpson <jsimpson@alaskatia.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sarah Leonard; 'scott.habberstad@alaskaair.com'
Subject: ATIA Resolution regarding Daylight Savings Time
Attachments: Resolution 15_7_Opposition to Eliminating DST.pdf

Dear Representative Lynn and Committee Members:

Attached please find a resolution The Alaska Travel Industry Association Board of Directors recently passed in opposition to eliminating Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. The economic impact would be significant for many tourism businesses operating in all regions of the state. We respectfully request that you consider these implications as you review SB6 or any other companion legislation.

Thank you for your service and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jillian Simpson, Director of Membership, Sales & Tourism Policy

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Alaska Travel Industry Association Board of Directors
A Resolution in Opposition to Eliminating Daylight Savings Time in Alaska
Resolution #15-7

WHEREAS the Alaska Travel Industry Association's mission is to promote Alaska as a top visitor destination, communicate and promote the tourism industry as one of the state's major economic forces, and is the respected voice of the industry for the growth of the industry while remaining attentive to care for the environment, recognition of cultures and Alaska's unique quality of life;

WHEREAS annual visitation to Alaska is nearly 2 million with 86 percent traveling between May and September, spending \$1.8 billion and creating 46,000 jobs;

WHEREAS over half of visitors participate in wildlife viewing activities, 39 percent take a sightseeing tour and 16 percent go flightseeing with local Alaskan businesses;

WHEREAS eliminating daylight savings time in Alaska would have adverse effects on tourism businesses throughout the state who depend on daylight in the evening to operate sightseeing tours especially in late August and September by having to reduce operating hours and therefore revenue;

WHEREAS half of Alaska's summer visitors travel on a cruiseship and being an additional hour from Seattle time will change itineraries and reduce time in Alaska's ports resulting in less time for shore excursions;

WHEREAS many businesses could be impacted by millions of dollars in lost revenue in visitor spending which will impact employment and other support services in the state;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THAT ALASKA TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION is opposed to Senate Bill 6/ Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 64 due to the negative impacts eliminating daylight savings time will have on tourism businesses and the State of Alaska.

Signed on this 24th day of March 2015 by:

Sarah Leonard
President & CEO

Scott Habberstad, Alaska Airlines
ATIA Board Chair

Esther Mielke

From: elvispolaris <elvispolaris@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 9:10 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: please move on this bill

Please un-stall and move forward the bill regarding doing away with "Daylight Savings"

I don't care so much with time we stay on as long as its one of them.

Given a choice , I hate the fall when we change 1 hour forward. Mental hit to our family. All of a sudden it's dark when I leave for work and dark when I return. would like to keep that afternoon light to do something out doors with the kids for that extra few weeks.

PLEASE

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Thank you,
Mike and Khanh Deaver
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Esther Mielke

From: Richard Mylius <rhmylius@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:50 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 6 - Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn - I oppose Senate Bill 6, the bill to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in Alaska. I encourage the House State Affairs Committee to not advance the bill. If Alaska stays on standard time while most of the US changes to DST, it will complicate business and family communications, particularly with the Eastern US (including the federal government in Washington DC) as we will be five hours different for much of the year.

Of greater concern is the impact on Southeast Alaska, particularly if the elimination of DST results in SE Alaska moving to Pacific time. I remember when Juneau was on Pacific time and most of Alaska was on Alaska time. That resulted in great difficulty for state agencies and the public to communicate between SE offices and the rest of the state as the two hour time difference resulted in three hours out of a 7.5 hour day when work hours did not overlap. That was one of the arguments for putting all of Alaska into one time zone many years ago.

Sincerely,

Dick Mylius
3018 Alder Circle
Anchorage

Esther Mielke

From: William Wuttke <wwuttke47@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:14 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Saving Time Bill

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Please support the Bill to change and eliminate Daylight Savings. I am aware there are businesses that complain about the change impacting their operation. This will be minor and it impacts the health of Alaskans to perform this meaningless change.

It would be so nice to see the sun match the geography of Alaska.

Thank You,

William Wuttke
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Anchorage, AK. 99507

Esther Mielke

From: Jim Blizz <akjblizz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 7:57 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6

Hello Rep.Lynn

I ask for your support of Senate Bill 6, Eliminate Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time is a gross inconvenience to Alaskans. Studies conclude it is detrimental in schools and in the workplace. It doesn't save any daylight in Alaska except for a brief couple of weeks in the spring and fall. No one I know of in our state likes it and all would be grateful to the legislature if you take action to end it. I read testimony from businessmen arguing for Daylight Saving Time and why the state needs to keep it. Two states do not observe Daylight Saving Time and experience no harm to commerce.

Senate Bill 6 is something most Alaskans support. As amended it allows SE Alaska to change to Pacific Time which is in harmony with British Columbia, Yukon, and the West Coast. Please bring this bill to a vote and send it to Governor Walker.

Respectfully,

Jim Blizzard

Fairbanks

Esther Mielke

From: Brenda Hansen <brenda@anchoragechamber.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: SB 6 - Letter of Opposition Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Attachments: SB 6 Opposition - Rep Bob Lynn - Anchorage Chamber.pdf

Dear Rep. Bob Lynn,
Please find attached letter of opposition from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce board of directors representing the membership of the Anchorage Chamber.

Sincerely,

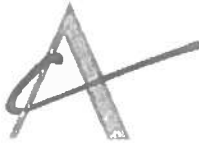
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ANCHORAGE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

April 3, 2015

The Honorable Bob Lynn
Chair, House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Rm 108
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Opposition to State Senate Bill 6 – Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn:

The Anchorage Chamber is an independent, 501 (c) (6) not-for-profit organization with a collective voice of nearly 1,000 business members representing over 50,000 constituents. A business-familiar, board of directors represents the members that make up one-quarter of Alaska's workforce, govern the Anchorage Chamber and ask that SB 6 not move forward for approval.


We asked our membership to let us know how the repeal of Daylight Savings Time would affect their business. The survey showed almost 60% were against the repeal of DST in Alaska.

Direct responses sighting opposition were a burdened 5-hour time difference, effectively reducing the business day to just a few hours. The ability to conduct business nationally across key industries including, financial, telecommunications, transportation and tourism would suffer. Local business that derive revenue from outside, daylight activities would see revenue loss that would result in fewer jobs and vendor spending.

The significant majority in opposition of the bill, with responses outlining the direct financial impact, results in the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce opposing the repeal of Daylight Savings Time.

For 100 years, the Anchorage Chamber membership has worked to advance a successful business climate by attending to the civic, economic, and cultural betterment of our community. We achieve this through three channels: advocacy, connectivity, and education.

Respectfully,


Janelle Pfeilger, Chair 14-15
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Esther Mielke

From: Dan Fabrello <dfabrello@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:04 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Re: AK HB 64 - Please vote against repealing/exempting Alaska daylight savings

Representative Lynn,

I see that the scheduled meeting on SB 6 HB 64 was cancelled.

My name is Dan Fabrello, 2476 ODay Drive, Juneau, AK 99801. I have lived in Alaska since 1972 coming to Alaska when I was 3 years of age. I'm proud to call Alaska home and is a great place live and raise a family. I am writing on HB 64 exempting the State of Alaska from daylight saving time and opening up the possibility for the allowance of the US department of transportation to change time zones in Alaska as proposed in SB 6.

I am opposed to SB 6 and opposed to HB 64 and implore you to take action to reject and vote against this legislation of repealing/exempting Alaska from daylight savings time. If this legislation gets rammed down the citizens throats then the entire State needs to be on Pacific time and should be a condition of the bill and the ability for the US department of transportation to enact and separate Alaska into various time zones should be off the table. I've lived through the time changes in the 80's and this is a different State than those earlier days. We grew as a State during those days making one time zone for Alaska, minus the far reach of the end of the Aleutians, and I believe helped the economy of Alaska immensely. These two SB and HB bills as currently proposed are bad for Alaska. In a time of declining oil prices we must focus on bills that will help all Alaskans weather this slowdown in the economy not set up Alaskans for further failure. Our citizens are already separated from the rest of the Union (lower 48) by time and distance, enlarging this time divide creates a greater barrier and promotes further hardship to our citizens living and working within all of Alaska and that is a fact. Just this morning at my workplace our accountant had to do some financials with a company that we work with on the East coast and we needed to contact them and make a important decision and give them direction by 11:30am East coast time, 7:30am Alaska time, and is a time of day prior to our usual opening for the day. With the proposed legislation we would be even further separated from the rest of our Union and would have to pay someone to come in not a half hour early but an hour and half early to do this. That's just to contact someone just prior to noon East coast time! That is a hardship to employers. Who pays for this extra time to employees...not the legislature. We would be forced to live with the ramifications of this legislation though. This is just one simple example of the tip of the iceberg this troubling legislation will cause. If the bill passes and the US department of transportation is allowed to enact time zones across Alaska turning back the clock 30+ years this will be even further exacerbated the financial hardships this bill will cause Alaskan business not to mention our State employees of the permanent fund. Enacting legislation that unintentionally harms the economy of our State is simply reckless. One of the reasons I've heard and read is this legislation was proposed in regards to the health and well being of citizens suicide rate and heart attack rate from having to adjust to the 1 hour time difference twice a year. Won't traveling and dealing with 2+ hour time change for frequent travelers and professionals in and out of state be problematic in regards to health concerns? If the State moves to multiple time zones again, wont this cause a similar health concern to citizens when traveling between regions of our State? The logic proposed behind the bill as a health concern is flawed. If allowed to pass this legislation will cause even greater health risks to our citizens as they would need to adjust to a greater time change when traveling outside and inside of Alaska, if multiple time zones are enacted. Thankfully one time zone, Alaska Time, as currently enacted we only have to adjust twice a year to time changes. This twice a year time change will look a pittance to the amount of unintended financial consequences this legislation creates if allowed to pass.

Please reject the repeal/exemption of Alaska from daylight savings as currently proposed in SB 6 and HB 64 and keep Alaska time and daylight savings as currently implemented for the last 30+ years.

Respectfully,
Dan Fabrello

Esther Mielke

From: Joann Flora <joann.flora@Goldbelt.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 comments

Greetings,

Please accept this as my testimony against SB6 and the elimination of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. I know that you have already heard all the reasons against making this change: the extra hour we will lose for those of us communicating with the east coast; the major readjustment to air travel schedules; the lost revenue to the visitor industry. There is another reason to reconsider this change: the impact on relationships within the state.

Those of us living in Alaska prior to the adoption of Alaska Time will recall the divisiveness we felt due to the time disconnect. Anchorage seemed to SE Alaska like another state; the southwest was nearly another country. One of the most successful moves to unite us all was converting to the same time zone. Foisting SB6 on regions that will be negatively impacted pits south central in a power struggle against southeast and southwest. Short of moving the capital, there's nothing you could do to divide us in a more negatively impactful way.

I urge you keep harmony within the state and not sacrifice business and economy in a power move. There's really nothing to be gained statewide by making this change and so much to lose. Changing the clock is not nearly as big a deal and dividing our state over this issue.

Respectfully,

Joann Flora

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Esther Mielke

From: Clint Jefferson Farr <cjfarr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:09 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Wes Keller; Clint Farr
Subject: Comment on SB 6 - ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Dear State Affairs Committee,

When most of Alaska became a single time zone in the 1980s, Juneau left the Pacific Time Zone and lost an hour of after work daylight. Losing daylight savings time means another lost hour of useable daylight after work. Two lost hours of daylight from that most useful and useable time of day; after work, after school, after summer camp.

I'm not sure you are aware of this, but it rains a lot in Juneau. We are a light deprived people. Which is why the health based arguments for losing DST don't make a lot of sense to me – at least for Southeast residents. In addition to just the aggravation with the loss of two usable hours of light, those two hours of after work is time for a hike, a bike ride with the kids, a run with the family. Healthy things. Sure, we can do those things in the dark, and do, but really, we live in Alaska and evening light is like a birthright. If we're going to put up with the rain, the isolation, the winter ice factory that is Juneau, then – darn it – we should have a decent amount of light in the spring and summer to be good Alaskans!

The rest of Alaska is far enough north or far enough west for this action to have minimal impact. And I totally get it, whether the sun sets at midnight or 1AM is somewhat silly and changing clocks twice a year is annoying. But solving an annoyance for Northern and Western Alaskans delivers a gut punch to Alaskans living in Southeast. We'll have two hours of less usable afternoon light during the summer for people who are already severely light deprived and vitamin D deficient – I think you're going to have to budget for more mental health services.

I feel like I'm single handedly keeping the LED industry alive.

So I think the order of actions is backwards. We should first petition to the federal government to divide Alaska back into time zones, putting Southeast Alaska back into the Pacific Time Zone. That alone will give us one hour of afternoon daylight. Then, in the future, if you get rid of daylight savings time at least Southeast Alaska maintains the status quo. Otherwise, we'll have two more hours of evening light in the summer to fish, hike, camp, roast marshmallows, or watch whales. There's been a lot of testimony about the economic impacts to Southeast tourism businesses, and that's great stuff, but I'm just talking about quality of life and happy Alaskans. Don't force your fellow state residents, already a light deprived people, to deal with even less usable light.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Clint J. Farr

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“That is my principal objection to life, I think: It's too easy, when alive, to make perfectly horrible mistakes.”
Kurt Vonnegut

Esther Mielke

From: jim <sumnerjim@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:19 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Your support of HB 64-The Elimination of Daylight Saving Time

Please help our students, especially, as well as the rest of us Alaskans by supporting HB 64 – the elimination of daylight saving time. Our student's grades suffer and the additional month of dark mornings creates unnecessary dangerous conditions for morning travel. Thank you. Claudia Sumner

Esther Mielke

From: Vicki Tweet <dvtweet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:18 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: DST

Hello Mr. Lynn,

I understand you are the Chairman of the House Affairs Committee. Will just make this short and simple. Please don't let SB6 die in your committee. It is long overdue. Thank you

Vicki Tweet

Esther Mielke

From: diane.schenker@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:16 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Move SB 6 to Eliminate Daylight "Saving" Time

Dear Rep Lynn,

Please move this bill forward ASAP. We are sick of having our sleep disrupted for the misperceived benefit of a few rich business, which are now very obviously trying to thwart the will of the majority by hiring rich lobbyists to kill this bill. We all know that support for this bill is strong, and if it doesn't move, it will be obvious that our interests were sold out for money. Any business that can't manage one hour difference between Alaska and other jurisdictions for part of each year doesn't deserve to stay in business. It is ridiculous to disrupt sleep/wake patterns of every citizen just because of poor business management skills by people who obviously have too much money in the first place if they can afford to buy a lobbyists influence for \$10K/month.

Why has the hearing been canceled? Why drag your feet on what most people, especially from your district, clearly want?

Diane Schenker
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Esther Mielke

From: Stanley B. Gwizdak JR <sgwizdak@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:13 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 Daylight Saving Time End

Sir:

I vehemently urge you to reconsider your decision to cancel the session regarding SB6. Why does something that has a significant majority of support in the State have to be killed by parliamentary tactics rather than an up or down vote?

I am writing hoping to change your mind about this but you and the speaker have probably already made them up. It's very depressing.

Please reconsider.

Respectfully,

Stanley B. Gwizdak, JR.

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"My merit comes from His mercy; for I do not lack merit so long as He does not lack pity."

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM

Esther Mielke

From: Juaneta Cannon <juaneta@akforest.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: daylight savings time

I vote to abolish daylight savings time.

Thanks for considering the change.

I have lived here 40 years –

As I get older the twice per year change is torture.

Southeast losing tourist dollars?

I'm sure they will figure an acceptable solution.

Regards

Juaneta Cannon

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Ketchikan, AK 99901

Esther Mielke

From: Mullikin Surveys <mullikin@xyz.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

\$\$\$ Money, Time and Daylight Savings Time.

Many people in Alaska have five or more clocks they have to reset twice a year: microwave clock, car clocks, alarm clocks, coffee pot, and wall clocks. It will take an average of one hour per year to accomplish this useless task. Therefore, 400,000 people in Alaska x \$10 = at least \$4 million a year in lost time.

The President of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce is opposing Daylight Savings Time even though he said most members want to change daylight savings time for ALL STATES. Let Alaska be a leader in changing this rule. (AK Dispatch, Page 1, 3-30-2015) Smart people in Arizona, Hawaii, and Indiana do not have Daylight Savings Time.

This time change is detrimental to most people, especially children. A short poll in the Homer Tribune on March 18, 2015 showed that 80% of the people want to end Daylight Savings Time.

One lobbyist and perhaps 10% of the people want to keep Daylight Savings Time.

90% of the people of Alaska want to eliminate it.

Please vote to end Daylights Savings Time

Don Mullikin

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Esther Mielke

From: Leslie Stella <rivershore1507@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:41 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Say to to continued DST-student safety

Honorable Representative Lynn;

I write from Kodiak Island. Most of our school children either walk to school or walk to bus stops and wait for the bus to arrive. In the afternoons, they walk home or walk home from the bus stops.

For most of the year, in the morning, they do so in the dark, at the same time that many drivers are driving to work. This "walk in the dark" period is made longer by daylight savings time.

Yes, in the afternoons, they might walk back in "twilight" for a longer period of the year, but the school day ends early, so this isn't for as many days as the morning impact. Additionally, they don't walk home at the same time as work traffic, so this change won't simply shift the safety issue to the afternoon.

I ask you to look at the issue of stopping DST from the perspective of school safety.

I am aware that South West is opposed. To that, I say, why not allow them to continue? Many states are in more than one time zone, why not allow part to continue DST while the majority stops DST?

Thanks for your consideration,
Leslie Stella
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Kodiak, AK

Esther Mielke

From: Teresa <Teresa@alaskalogcabininn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:40 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Kids and Clocks

Just sent my son off to Early Bird Jazz Band at Kenai Central High School. It's 4:30 AM by the sun, 6:30 by the messed up clock. We are all dragging, and I've been so discouraged lately with all the rhetoric about DST, especially from the Juneau and southeast folks who seem to care nothing about the kids who bear the brunt of these early mornings. We are two hours off over here in central Alaska, which affects the largest populations in the state from the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak to Anchorage to Fairbanks. We're tired, we're struggling to finish the year of school, and we have testing starting this week. Please figure out ways to save BTU's, fish in the evening, and walk your dog after work without forcing the rest of us to accommodate your needs by shoving our clocks forward every spring. Please.....**support the bill to eliminate DST.**

Teresa Danielson

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Esther Mielke

From: Isaac Moerlein <zeektribe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:29 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Please support the passage of SB6

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please support the PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 6 TO END THE USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN ALASKA.
DLST causes many Alaskans major depression in the fall with the additional hour of daylight loss.
We are loosing 5 min a day.

<http://www.endalaskadaylightsaving.com>

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Esther Mielke

From: Dave Catchpole <dcatchpole@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:46 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6 - Repeal Of Daylight Savings Time

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Representative Lynn,

As the you are the person representing my district in South Anchorage, I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposal to opt Alaska out of daylight savings time. I cannot think of anything more ridiculous then setting us back 32 years. Many of us remember when Anchorage was permanently five hours behind the east coast and two hours behind our nearest neighbor state. It was a nightmare to do business outside of Alaska, and such a relief when in 1983 we went forward an extra hour to catch everyone else up. Now Sen. MacKinnon wants us to again be five/two hours behind east coast/pacific coast time for half a year? How out of touch is she? Does she ever do business outside her own world? Her claims of health benefits don't pass the straight face test -- if they did congress would mandate that no state changes time. As it is, if she has such convictions she should lobby our congressional delegation -- however I doubt that her proposal would get very far. This proposed legislation is going to cause no end of trouble to the travelling public as well as those conducting business out of the state.

I ask you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

Dave Catchpole

Esther Mielke

From: Lindsey Wenzel <lindseywenzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:01 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Support for the Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Honorable Representative,

Please accept this email as my request that you support the elimination of Daylight Savings Time for Alaska.
Thank you.

Lindsey Wenzel
31283 South Mastodon Rd
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Esther Mielke

From: George Trabits <george@trabitsgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 6

Trabits Group supports the elimination of Daylight Savings Time.

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Esther Mielke

From: Robert Wenzel <robert.wenzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Liz Vazquez
Cc: Lindsey Wenzel; Terrance Pearson; Robert Wenzel
Subject: Support for the Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Honorable Representatives,

Please accept this email as my request that you support the elimination of Daylight Savings Time for Alaska.
Thank you.

Bob Wenzel
31283 South Mastodon Rd
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Esther Mielke

From: Everett Robbins <everettrobbins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight savings Time

Mr. Lynn,

I am a resident of Anchorage and wish to express my opinion on the DST issue. I've heard many say, "if it's not broke, don't fix it." I say it is broke. It was put in place to save energy, which in today's technology world does not save energy. If a fish and game regulation says you can only hunt 1 caribou because the numbers are dwindling, we will follow that regulation. However when the numbers of caribou improve, the regulation CHANGE allowing for the taking of more than 1. My point is the DST was set in action when it was said to save energy, when that is no longer the case then we need to get rid of it. Its time for a CHANGE.

Everett Robbins



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Esther Mielke

From: George Moerlein <gmoerlein@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Fw: Daylight Savings Time

----- Original Message -----

From: George Moerlein
To: isaac moerlein
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2015 8:57 PM
Subject: Fw: Daylight Savings Time

----- Original Message -----

From: George Moerlein
To: bob.lynn@akleg.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2015 8:55 PM
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Rep. Lynn:

I would like the following to be included in the testimony before your State Affairs committee on April 2.

My name is George Moerlein residing at 7300 O'Malley in Anchorage. I am totally opposed to daylight savings time in Alaska and urge you pass SB6. Daylight Savings Time prolongs winter in Anchorage by another 6 to 8 weeks by making people arise and go to work in the dark. It is depressing. It is unnecessary. In western Alaska it is even worse. Both Hawaii and Arizona get along just fine without day light savings time, so can we. If sports come on TV at an inconvenient time, they can always be recorded and viewed later. Gads, I remember when pro football games were broadcast a week late up here and we were happy just to see them! Affected businesses will adjust - they apparently have in Hawaii and Arizona - and there is always email that works 24 hours/day. Please get this out of Committee and on to the house floor. Among my acquaintances, who are also voters, the overwhelming majority is anti-Daylight Savings Time.

George Moerlein
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Anchorage, AK 99507

Esther Mielke

From: Jake Maenpa <jmaenpa@amt.lynden.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Jake Maenpa
Subject: Please Eliminate Daylight Savings Time

Representative Bob Lynn,

I am writing this email to encourage the House State Affairs Committee to eliminate Daylight Savings Time for the following reasons:

- Monetary or energy savings due to DST are questionable at best.
- Hawaii does just fine not adhering to the time switch and they do plenty of business with the mainland. Alaska would okay too.
- There are many health reasons to eliminate DST including a decrease in the risk of heart attacks, sleep disruption, and body clock confusion.

Thanks.

Jake Maenpa

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Esther Mielke

From: Chriss Homan <homan1728@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: DST and Medicaid expansion

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Dear Mr. Lynn,

Where is the DST bill at in the House? I know the Senate passed it a while ago, but I have not heard what is happening in the House. I am in favor of dropping DST and eventually moving toward going to Pacific Coast standard time with no DST. In the summer it doesn't matter what time it is, but in the winter being in that time zone would provide more daylight after school/work.

Also, I am not in favor of medicaid expansion. I don't believe the projected cost savings, the federal government is dropping the 100% coverage in a year and the State of Alaska is already spending more on health care (I think around 2.4Bil) than our current revenue at the low oil prices. This is unsustainable. Medicaid expansion is not free, taxpayers like myself and future generations are paying for it. Where is the 16% in cuts that the governor promised during the campaign? I have voiced these concerns with my senator too.

Thank you,
Chriss Homan

Esther Mielke

From: Carol <busface1999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Re: New Pom:Miscellaneous

3/17/15

As was stated on Facebook as a comment on the DST issue:

"A wise old Native once said, only a fool believes they can cut the top off of a blanket, sew it onto the bottom and have a longer or shorter blanket."

The "extra daylight" in the winter is not going to make a difference. Same thing for extra daylight in the evening. In Alaska, it doesn't make a difference.

Business and commerce will not be hurt in any way. When I first moved to Anchorage in 1973, we were 5 hours behind the East Coast. No problems arose.

Hawaii seems to do business just fine, as do the other states that do not switch time every 6 months.

Carol Jensen

On Monday, March 16, 2015 3:43 PM, Rep. Bob Lynn <Rep.Bob.Lynn@akleg.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Jensen,

I am passing this message along from Rep. Lynn:

Thank you for communicating regarding Daylight Savings Time 'DST.' This has been a highly controversial issue for years.

One of the points in favor of keeping daylight savings time is that it means more daylight during the darker months, and that's a good thing. Another of the major points against eliminating DST is that it could cause a five hour time difference between Alaska and the East Coast. That could have a negative impact on business communications of all kinds.

Our State Affairs committee will likely hear the bill and listen to a broad range of testimony. You are invited to testify before our committee either in person or by phone.

I'll be carefully considering both sides of the issue before voting.

Thank you.
Bob Lynn

Esther Mielke

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Esther Mielke

From: Mullikin Surveys <mullikin@xyz.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Alaska Day Light Savings

Hello,

The best and easiest solution for you to accomplish for the people of Alaska in this session would be to stop utilizing Day Light Savings Time. Everyone has a biological clock and it is insane to make people try adapt to a federal government clock. It is especially difficult for children who are going to school to somehow change their wake up time.

Please do approve the state's right to opt out of Day Light Savings Time.

Thank you.

Donald E. Mullikin

Homer, Alaska

Esther Mielke

From: akwillis@mtaonline.net
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 7:35 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: Request for committee hearing on SB6

Representative Lynn,

I request you hold a hearing before House State Affairs Committee on SB6 (Eliminate Daylight Saving Time). Thank you. Lynn Willis

Esther Mielke

From: diane.schenker@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 7:33 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; representative.max.gruenbert@akleg.gov; representative.jonathan.kreiss-tompkins@akleg.gov; Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Subject: Please Pass SB 6 to Eliminate Daylight Savings Time

Dear Chairman Lynn and State Affairs Committee Members,

I hope you will schedule SB 6 for a hearing right away and pass it out of committee. It is a simple fix to a problem that negatively affects many Alaskans. It is hard to believe anyone was ever boondoggled into thinking that it made sense to yank our clocks forward and backwards twice a year, but sadly, we have been stuck with this unhealthy and needless practice for many years. It does no good, and is especially hard on parents with young children, the elderly, those requiring medical care and strict prescription drug schedules, and, of course, working class folks who must punch that clock at the job, and who cannot afford to take time off as they experience home-grown jet lag every year.

The naysayers are concerned about being off-schedule with other states, but let those other states catch on and join us by opting out of this silly practice. I have spent decades working with federal agencies in Washington, DC, and it is just not that big of a deal to contact them in our morning, before their workday ends. Whether we are 4 or 5 hours off is a minor difference when it comes to scheduling phone calls, compared to trying to make our own biological clocks lurch forward and back. The other criticism of the bill is that it is just "not important". Hah! It is important to those whose sleep is disrupted and health affected. This is a very popular bill. I noticed that when the story of this bill passing out of the Senate was posted on Facebook by one of the Anchorage news stations, there were over 1100 "likes" in less than three hours! By the next morning, there were close to 3,000 "likes". Then I stopped counting.

One of the things I love most about my lifelong home, Alaska, is the way the sun rises and sets at a different time every day of the year. It is Nature's way to move sunrise and sunset by a few minutes every day. We disrupt this natural, gradual progression of time and seasons with DST, and for what? To keep up with other states that do the same, for reasons they do not understand, either? No one even knows what the purpose is, and it is highly doubtful that anyone ever "proved" it would save fuel oil or whatever foolish notion they had to justify the practice when it was implemented. It is nonsense; something to be ashamed we ever fell for, and something that is long overdue to be corrected.

This is a popular bill, a great idea, and a VERY simple fix to a bad problem. Please pass this as fast as you can and get it voted on by the House. Please don't delay, lest it slip through the cracks in the last minute rush of the session. Could it be improved? Could we revisit the issues of Southeast perhaps changing their time zone or the delay until 2017 to finally get off the DST crazy-wagon? Sure, but it's just not worth it to slow this thing down and risk losing our chance to finally be rid of DST. Please leave the bill alone, and just pass it. We are counting on you to finally rid us of the scourge of clock tampering.

Thank you.

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Cc: Senator Anna MacKinnon

Esther Mielke

From: Will Madison <willmadison@alaska.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Undisclosed Recipient
Subject: HB 64

Importance: High

Good Morning Representative,

I hope that you will join your Senate colleagues in voting to pass HB 64 to eliminate Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. The disadvantages clearly outweigh the advantages.

Thank you,

Will & Jane Madison

Esther Mielke

From: Trina Lovdahl <tlovdahl@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:13 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: daylight savings time

Please do away with daylight savings time.

John Lovdahl

Esther Mielke

From: Sonny Petersen <sonny@katmailand.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings
Attachments: Daylight Savings.JPG

Dear Representative Lynn

The reason I don't like daylight savings time is related to commerce, logistics and safety. Coastal Alaska, including Anchorage, is notorious for early morning fog and low clouds that usually lifts or burns off as the day goes on. If you need to move people and materials with aircraft, daylight savings time exacerbates the morning fog problem by an additional hour. I am in the tourist business in Katmai National Park. Back when noon was at 12 PM like it should be instead of 2 PM like it is now the morning fog wasn't much of a problem. And of course the difference between sun time and clock time is greater the further west you go.

The most common reason given in favor of daylight savings is that it provides more daylight for recreational activities in the evening. It seems to me that in the summer there is so much daylight that it doesn't make much difference. Let's not forget that we already have daylight savings year round. Alaska Standard Time was moved ahead an hour years ago.

We have the opportunity to ditch daylight savings time now. Please do us all a favor and vote for its repeal.

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Esther Mielke

From: Lance Roberts <roberts.lance@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 6:50 AM
To: Legislature
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Howdy All,

I want to thank the Senate for passing the bill to remove Alaska from Daylight Savings Time, and encourage the House to do likewise. There is a huge cost to industry in having to deal with the peculiarities of DST, and it ultimately just causes confusion.

Thanks,

Lance Roberts
Fairbanks

Esther Mielke

From: Brad Peterson <brad@anchorageports.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:39 PM
To: Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Liz Vazquez
Cc: Rod Hill
Subject: Daylight Saving Time

Dear Anchorage Representatives,

I am writing this to all of you because I am represent an organization that has many members from each of your districts. I am the Softball Director for the Anchorage Sports Association. We are a 501 (C)(3) non-profit, member supported organization that provides the community with recreational sports programs. This proposed legislation to do away with daylight saving time would have a massive affect on both our high school and our adult softball programs. None of the 12 softball fields that we utilize are equipped with lights that would allow for game play after dusk. This bill, if passed, would have an effect on people's quality of life during our short Alaska summers. It would also greatly reduce the services we can continue to offer our members, your constituents.

Twenty years ago the Anchorage Sports Association entered into a partnership agreement with the Anchorage School District and the Municipality of Anchorage to form the sport of Fast-Pitch softball for the high school aged girls in Anchorage. We organize the league and do all of the scheduling for the eight Anchorage high school's varsity and junior varsity programs. This league runs from mid/late April until the end of May and typically consists of a 16-22 game season. We often do not get to start the season by our target begin date because we are removing snow from our fields and getting them into a safe, playable condition. This does not leave us much time to get in the required games. This proposed bill would lessen the available time we have to schedule these games for our high school teams as this sport cannot safely be played without ample light. We do our best to promote fast-pitch softball as an "outsourced" high school activity and are proud of the athletes that come through our system, many of which are able to earn scholarships and travel outside of the state to further their education. It would be a shame if these girls were not provided enough time and games to polish their abilities to display to the college recruiters who come and scout our state tournaments and view video tape of our players searching a scholarship opportunity.

Our adult program consists of approximately 250 teams which equals out to over 3600 adult softball players in our association. This does not include the other Anchorage softball players that play in the Anchor Town Sports Association's softball league which sanctions over 100 teams each year. Softball in Anchorage is a huge recreational activity and for many it is a way of life. We operate our leagues at near capacity each year and have a full slate of games going from the first week of May until the middle of August. During this season we have games that are scheduled as late as 9:45pm to fit every team's games in before the state tournaments begin

in August. This bill would end those games, potentially causing us to start turning teams away because we would not be able to schedule all of the games into the allotted time we have.

As a non-profit organization this loss in funds would greatly affect the services we provide. The other sports leagues we manage typically function at a financial loss. Softball is the only sport we offer that makes money and allows us to offer our other programs. If we are forced to reduce the number of our teams due to lack of field time this could no longer be the case. While we do not look to make a profit we still need to produce a steady enough revenue stream to support our programs and employees. This legislation puts our entire organization at risk. The cost to install lights at the softball fields would exceed that of which our members could afford and I am very doubtful the Municipality of Anchorage would fund any type of lighting to the fields.

After our regular season concludes we offer a “fall ball” league that is already limited to 36 teams due to field and light limitations. This bill would completely eliminate our ability to offer this league to our members. That would be a loss in revenue of approximately \$35,000.00 for just that league alone.

I have been contacted by many of our softball players that are very concerned with this legislation. This has become a quality of life issue that is greater than just the annoyance of having to adjust a clock twice a year. Speaking for the Anchorage Sports Association and softball players all over the state I urge you to take a look at the possible victims of this legislation. Summers in Alaska are already short and we as Alaskans do all that we can to enjoy our limited amount of time in the sun. This legislation takes away that ability.

Brad Peterson

Softball & Basketball Director

Anchorage Sports Association

Esther Mielke

From: POMS@akleg.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: New Pom:Miscellaneous

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Congratulations and thank you to the Senate for passing the bill to get rid of Daylight Savings time. You House members...if you haven't passed this bill, please do so before the end of the session.
We get enough daylight in the spring and summer.

Esther Mielke

From: Langdon Mary <mgerardl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2015 4:09 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: support for HB64

Dear Representative~ I am writing in support of HB64: "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time". I have lived in AK for 33 of the past 58 years, moving here with my family in 1958. I have never understood the need for Alaska to be on daylight saving time. Makes no sense in the spring, summer when we have daylight to spare. It penalizes early birds. I have also learned from sleep specialists of the increase in motor vehicle crashes the week after shifting forward an hour in spring. I agree with the sponsor's statement.

One argument I've heard against is that not having it in summer will move us farther in time from the east coast. That was how it was when I was growing up and we lived with that without difficulty. And in this time of 24/7/365 communication and business, shifting forward one hour is meaningless.

Thank you for your consideration and passage of this bill.

Best regards,
Mary Langdon, M.D.

Esther Mielke

From: Wade Wahrenbrock <akwwwade1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 6:51 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: HB-64

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Representative Lynn

As Chairman of the State Affairs Committee, I understand that it is your prerogative to schedule when (and if) various Bills will be heard and progressed through the Committee process. I would like to bring your attention HB-64 . This Bill has been referred to your Committee and it deserves prompt hearing and action.

There are many reasons to do away with the requirement that Alaskans observe Daylight Light Savings Time. Chief among them, given our northern latitudes and abundance of summer sunlight, it does not make common sense for Alaskans to mess around with changing clocks and peoples schedules.

The only comment or suggestion I have for change to the current bill language has to do with the effective date. Why not make the effective date Jan. 1, 2016 rather than wait till 2017?

The companion Bill in the Senate (SB-6) is starting to be heard and moving through Committee processes with a positive "Do Pass" endorsement. It will be appreciated if you can get the ball rolling in the House of Representatives!

Thanks for your time and consideration!!

Wade Wahrenbrock
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Esther Mielke

From: Russ M <rcm@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: HB64 Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair House State Affairs Committee

I understand that HB64, eliminating daylight savings time in Alaska is currently in the House State Affairs committee

I urge you to support this bill.

I believe that the stated purpose of originating daylight savings time was to "save energy" during World War I. I am suspicious that the reason was to get people up earlier in the morning, to get more work out of them, work needed for the war effort. I believe that daylight savings time was again instituted during WW II for the same reason(s).

Perhaps the reason we have it now is it helps business.

I personally strongly resent having my life artificially manipulated by folks who don't know me, don't know and don't care how I am being affected.

Certainly having daylight savings time is especially ludicrous in Alaska. Kids having to get up in the dark, or go to bed in bright sunlight. It is made worse due to the state pretending that there is no significant change in longitude for most of the state. The majority of the state's population resides around 150 deg West longitude, what should be two hours different from west coast time. But powers that be legislated the time to be one hour different than west coast time. (Heck, why not put the whole earth on Greenwich, England time and pretend the earth is flat. It would make it easier for commerce. I heard that the legislature of Iowa, once introduced legislation to make the mathematical pi equal to 3, to make things simpler.) The resultant being that during the summer, most of the population of Alaska is essentially on double daylight savings time, being two hours ahead of the standard time for 150 deg West longitude. Nome, at longitude 165 deg West is essentially on triple daylight savings time, being three hours off from standard time for 165 deg West. That is during the summer, the sun is at its highest in Nome at 3PM, not noon. Note that PM stands for post meridian. normally 3PM would mean 3 hours past when the sun crosses the meridian, but in Nome the sun doesn't cross until 3PM. Note that Los Angeles is three hours off from New York. It is no wonder parents in Nome have problems getting their children to bed at "night".

I could go on and on, but you probably wouldn't have time to read it anyway.

Suffice it to say that I strongly support doing away with daylight savings time in Alaska. I strongly support HB64 and urge you to support it also.

Sincerely,

Russell Mumm

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Esther Mielke

From: Steve Parkinson <sdparkinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer; Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Although daylight savings time is annoying and pointless, don't mess with it. Doing so forces every computer in the state to be reconfigured to not adjust the time automatically. There is a real cost to eliminating it.

Also more annoying than DST would be twice a year having to remember everyone else down south's changed but not ours.

What a waste of time even talking about this.

Esther Mielke

From: Gallant Kennedy Family <gallantkennedy@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 9:35 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Bills (HB 64, SB 6 and 11)

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Dear Representative Lynn:

As one of your constituents, I implore you to bring some common sense and sanity to the debate about Daylight Savings.

Being on Daylight Savings with the rest of the country has great benefits for Alaska. Here are some of them:

- It keeps us from being five hours removed from the East Coast financial and business centers.
- It keeps us from having to make even bigger time adjustments when we travel to the lower 48 on business, to visit grandchildren, to help aging parents, etc.
- It keeps tourists from having to face outrageous jet lag in order to come to Alaska.
- It allows us that fun illusion of "midnight sun" in Fairbanks and (almost) in Anchorage, which is a huge tourist draw.
- It prevents endless confusion about what time it is in other time zones, reducing those middle-of-the-night phone calls.

One final point: the argument that the changeover to and from Daylight Savings causes adverse health effects is the worst kind of junk science. Even if it were true, it would only point out that increasing the time difference between Alaska and the lower 48 would cause the very same health effects every time people travel—only those health effects couldn't be measured.

In this time of budget crisis, surely we have better things to do than "fix" something that isn't broken and that in fact yields significant economic benefits to Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Christopher (Chris) Kennedy

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Esther Mielke

From: Victorie Heart <vheart@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:50 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Saving Time

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please do not vote to change Daylight Saving Time (DST). We need to stay synced with the rest of the country. Changing DST won't make anything easier for us. We will still have to make constant time conversions, while we won't change, the rest of the country will. Don't turn us into an oddball like Arizona.

Thank you,

William Kline

Russell Circle

Anchorage

Esther Mielke

From: Shelli Cutting <shelli@osleepworks.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: SB 6
Importance: High

I want the House to know that I am very much opposed to SB 6 and the idea that Anchorage would be two hours behind the west coast and five hours behind the east coast. As a business owner who deals with the east coast on a regular basis this would make a bad situation worse. As it is, I already get to work at six am to start my day and absolutely anything that needs doing has to be done by noon to make it during their business day. Adding another hour would just make it worse.

Ironically I own a sleep diagnostics company and we deal regularly with advanced and delayed sleep phase in patients who struggle with lots of different issues relating to their sleep. In 20 years I have never had a patient who couldn't regulate their schedule after daylight savings time. If the issue is truly a health concern for a very small group of people, my suggestion is to change those folks schedules and not disrupt commerce for the entire state. I strongly urge you to vote no on SB 6.

Thank you,

Shelli L. Cutting, RPSGT, RST, President

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Esther Mielke

From: Jared Oien <rainydaycharters@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Ketchikan Visitors Bureau; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Steve Thompson; Vice Chair Representative Dan Saddler; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Mike Hawker
Subject: Day Light Savings Time

To Whom it may Concern,

My Name is Jared Oien with Rainy Day Charters here in Ketchikan, Alaska. I am writing you today to voice my opposition to the abolishing of daylight savings time. The ending of daylight savings time would effect all of Alaska and especially Southeast. Ketchikan is a town that depends on the time change to keep the ship schedules consistent. With out daylight savings time in effect these ships will leave earlier causing shop owners and tour operators, including myself, to close early and cancel many tours. This will trickle down into less money and less jobs here in southeast and hurt an economy that is largely dependent on the tourism industry. As a representative of the people of Alaska, I request that you take this information into consideration as you make a final decision regarding the abolishing of daylight savings time.

Thank You, and God Bless,
Jared

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Esther Mielke

From: Nancy DeCherney <nancy@jahc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:23 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: oppose repeal of daylight savings time.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please do not repeal daylight savings time.

It places a real and unnecessary burden on businesses in Southeast.

The change would be confusing and difficult for those trying to conduct business across the nation, and costly through shortened evening business hours in the summer.

It also affects severely the quality of life in Southeast – already one hour off the time zone it belongs in.

This is no time to assault the fragile economy in the state through an unnecessary change of this nature.

The only acceptable option to this would be to return Southeast to Pacific time.

Please do not repeal daylight savings time. It directly affects our summer trade and activities.

Thank you,

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Esther Mielke

From: Fish Creek Company <hamilton@fishcreekalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:48 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; pmackey@visit-ketchikan.com; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Steve Thompson; Representative.Dan.Sadler@akleg.gov
Subject: SB06 Daylight Savings Time

Hello!

I am the owner of a small business in Ketchikan called Fish Creek Company. I live year round with my wife and 1 year old son in Ketchikan.

Around 95% of my business income is from cruise ship tourists visiting Ketchikan during the summer months. I employ 6 full time positions and 1 part time during the summer. I employ 2 full time positions during the winter months.

I have been informed that there is a proposed bill that would eliminate Daylight Savings in Alaska. This would effect the cruise ship stops in Alaska by shortening their dock time and would have to depart Ketchikan earlier than current. The cruise ship dock time is already short and this legislation would only make it shorter. This would have a considerable negative effect on my business. With less business during the summer months I would have to cut back on the number of full time employees.

During the winter we rely on phone and internet sales via our website and catalog that we distribute.

It's already difficult for our out of state customers to figure out what time zone we are in and what the time difference is for them to call during our winter operating hours. Eliminating Daylight Savings would only create more confusion and make doing business in Alaska more difficult.

I really don't see much of any reason to eliminate Daylight Savings time in Alaska.

This would only create more confusion and have a negative impact on Alaska's business environment.

I please urge you to eliminate this SB 06 legislation. It's not commonsense policy making and will have a negative legacy if passed.

Thank you very much for your time.

Hamilton

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Hamilton Gelhar - Owner

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April 1, 2015

State of Affairs Committee
Alaska House of Representatives

RE: ELIMINATION OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA

Dear Representative Lynn and Committee Members:

The mission of Explore Fairbanks is to be an economic driver in the Fairbanks region by marketing to potential visitors and optimizing the visitor experience.

The Fairbanks region hosts about 325,000 visitors in the summer. These summer guests engage in a wide variety of activities - such as flightseeing, floating on rivers, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, and tours - that take full advantage of the extended daylight in the evening hours.

Please take into consideration that the elimination of daylight savings time would have an adverse economic impact on those tourism businesses who conduct evening activities, especially as daylight wanes in late August and September.

If you have any questions, please feel free to directly contact me at (907) 459-3770 or dhickok@explorefairbanks.com.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb Hickok".

Deb Hickok
President and CEO

Esther Mielke

From: Bruce Abel <bruce@donabel.biz>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Sam Kito
Subject: Senate Bill 6

April 1, 2015

House State Affairs Committee

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Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins Representative.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov

Dear House Affairs Committee;

I wish to express my opposition to Senate Bill 6, the repeal of Daylight Savings time. I own a retail business specializing in sourcing building products not available locally to communities throughout Alaska. If this legislation passes it will make doing business with the lower 48 much more difficult. Think about it, if this Bill passes you are simply cutting away 1/7 of our work day. Connecting with other regions of the State would also be more difficult. This Bill has a direct impact on my ability to serve my customers and connect with my suppliers. It will also diminish my need for employees proportionally.

I question why the legislature trying to fix something that is clearly not broken? The argument that this is a health issue is weak at best as evidenced by the lack of hard scientific research. Has the State's switchboard been bombarded over these last few years with Alaskans demanding a change to Daylight Savings Time? Frankly, this Bill appears to be a personal mission for one Senator rather than a compelling issue for Alaskans. And I am old enough to remember the hardships associated with multiple time zones prior to our current system.

I appreciate the hard work and challenges you all face and I urge you not to let Senate Bill 6, in any form, become law. There are real jobs at stake and Alaska cannot afford to be binding commerce, especially now.

Sincerely,
Bruce Abel
President

Don Abel Building Supply
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Esther Mielke

From: Juneau Chamber of Commerce <juneauchamber@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:05 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: Senate Bill 6- Oppose the repeal of Daylight Saving Time
Attachments: LTR to House State Affairs - Oppose Repeal of DST.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter of opposition to SB6 from the Juneau Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you,

Andrea Kihlmire

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Re: Senate Bill 6 – Oppose Repeal of Daylight Saving Time

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce opposes the repeal of Daylight Saving Time.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 400 businesses in Juneau. We have taken the time to survey our membership regarding the *repeal of Daylight Savings Time*. 31% of our membership responded to the survey with 75% voting against the repeal of Daylight Saving Time. (20% in favor, 5% no opinion).

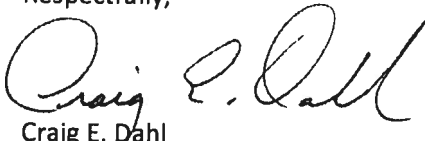
Discussions with many businesses and organizations over this past month have all focused on the loss of an hour of daylight during the months of peak business and recreation. Flight operations, marine charters, and retail businesses related to tourism and recreational activities, especially on the shoulder months of March/April and August/September, will all be financially harmed with the loss of an hour of daylight.

In addition, creating a two-hour time difference between Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, and a five-hour difference to the east coast during this peak business period (or any period for that matter) adds further complexity and cost to those businesses needing to communicate with these areas of the country.

Whether it's personal recreation or chartered access to experience and enjoy the beauty and resources of Southeast Alaska, we all understand that it happens in the few short months of summer. Losing daylight at the end of our summer days takes away business opportunities and reduces our personal time to enjoy the quality of life in Alaska.

There is a logical compromise to achieve the repeal of Daylight Saving Time and ensure that we retain the hour of daylight, which is at the center of debate. However, the current version of the bill does not assure both and so the Chamber opposes the passage of SB-6 in its current form.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig E. Dahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" being more prominent.

Craig E. Dahl
Executive Director
Juneau Chamber of Commerce

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Sam Kito
Representative Cathy Munoz

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Esther Mielke

From: Alaska Tom <alaskatom66@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 1:00 PM
Subject: Do Not Abandon Daylight Savings Time

Please do NOT support abandoning daylight savings time. There is NO valid data connecting the increase in accidents and suicides to changing our clocks twice each year. What other contributing factors are affecting such data? No one knows. It is bad enough Arizona and Hawaii refuse daylight savings time. Please do not add Alaska to that list.

Thomas U Rachal, Jr.

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Anchorage, AK 99504

Esther Mielke

From: Patti Mackey <pmackey@visit-ketchikan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: SB06 impacts on communities
Attachments: KVB Resolution 15-10 signed.pdf

Chairman Lynn, Vice Chairman Keller and members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am enclosing a resolution approved by the board of directors of the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau in opposition to the elimination of Daylight Saving Time in Alaska.

There are some very significant impacts to Ketchikan's tourism industry that would be realized if SB6 or any of its companion bills were to become law.

As you are no doubt aware, this legislation is of great concern to the businesses and residents of Southeast Alaska. Ninety percent of the tourism businesses operated in Ketchikan are owned by local or Alaskan residents. As one of our leading industries and a major contributor to municipal revenues, it would be a hardship on our community if this legislation becomes law.

I encourage you to review our concerns as outlined in the resolution, and to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration and your service in the Alaska House.

Patti Mackey

President/CEO

Ketchikan Visitors Bureau

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Esther Mielke

From: Nick Panduren <panduren@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

I would like to voice my opposition to deleting daylight savings time.
Thank you
Nick Panduren (your old AAA travel agent)

Esther Mielke

From: John Grummett <johng@sginc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

I am opposed. It will make our work day that much more unproductive. We deal with companies located all over the United States. This will give us one less hour to be able to effectively service your constituents.

We effectively lose a day trying to simply change an auto if the request comes in at 3:30pm presently just to Seattle. So if you make it 2:30pm then you can see that we cannot get quick answers.

John Grummett

Vice President

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Esther Mielke

From: Ketchikan Charter Boats <info@ketchikancharterboats.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: No on Bill 06

Please, do not abolish daylight savings.

This will impact a minimum of 30 people we hire during the summer. m These jobs will not exist. Can our economy handle this loss with just one business? How many other individuals and companies will this impact?

This will also impact my family personally with loss of income. What about the ships not coming into Ketchikan? This would kill this community.

Please vote No to abolish the Daylight Savings.

Regards,

Carla Szitas

Ketchikan Charter Boats, Inc.

Esther Mielke

From: Marc Cappelletti <Marc@expeditions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:55 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill No. 6 - Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn,

My name is Marc Cappelletti and I am the Director of Expedition Development for Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. I am writing with question and concern over Senate Bill No. 6, currently before the House State Affairs Committee, regarding the motion for the state of Alaska to exempt itself from observation of advanced time, or daylight savings time.

Lindblad Expeditions, in alliance with National Geographic, operates small ship expeditions in southeast Alaskan waters, and has done so for over 30 years. We pride ourselves on operating the most life-enhancing, immersive voyages in Alaska under the leadership of some of the region's most knowledgeable naturalists, historians and caring citizens. We take advantage of every moment to ensure that the approximately 2,000 travelers who join us each season are inspired by what they see.

Should Alaska choose to observe standard time instead of daylight savings time starting January 1, 2017, this will mean the loss of crucial daylight hours for our operation and others. The affects can be very immediate, like a reduction in runs for air taxis and tours, or more global, like a strain business relations between Alaskan companies and partners in other time zones. It will also strain entries into Glacier Bay National Park, frequented by thousands of travelers a day via large and small cruise ships, by forcing ships in the park at earlier daylight, long before anyone would be awake, in order to receive the full amount of daylight time in the park. Since the sun rises prior to 5:30 am at the latest throughout the summer, this only means the loss of evening light for those on a typical schedule. In our experience, even one hour of daylight can mean the difference between a once in a lifetime experience and a near miss.

Turks and Caicos recently addressed a daylight need that affected tourism, their number one industry, by shifting their time zone ahead one hour. This way tourists can have fuller days and enjoy sunsets later in the evening, instead of the typical pre-5pm sunset the island sees during winter months. It is perhaps a novel point, but at its core it benefits business. The motion from Alaska seems to do the opposite.

This said, I would be most appreciative for information on the benefits to Alaska and its businesses when considering this legislation. I believe it is a point that could benefit from further explanation and examination. Thank you very much for your time and for taking these points into consideration.

Sincerely,

Marc Cappelletti



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Esther Mielke

From: Devin Johnson <akbraces@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:46 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6

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Representative Lynn,

I appreciate all the time you dedicate to serving the citizens of this great state. I know Senate bill 6 is scheduled for a hearing this week in the house. As one of your constituents I wanted to let you know that I am opposed to this bill. As a business owner the four hour time difference with the east coast is already difficult enough to work with and adding an hour to it will only make it worse. We have many vendors that are in the eastern time zone and all phone call need to be made in the morning or miss their working hours. This bill will shorten that window of over lapsing working hours.

The other reason I am opposed is that opting out of daylight savings will make our summer nights one hour shorter. Those long summers days are one of the things that makes Alaskan summers so unique. As you know with daylight savings Anchorage's summer solstice sun set is 11:40, and if we opt out of daylight savings our longest night will be a sunset of 10:40 PM and a sunrise at 3:20 AM. Those long hours of daylight are part of what makes Alaskan summers so amazing and many more people take advantage of that extra hour at night than in the morning. In my opinion this bill is bad for business and bad for Alaskans. The only way I would support opting out of daylight savings is if we can get Alaska in the Pacific time zone.

Thank you for your consideration,

Devin Johnson

Esther Mielke

From: Brian Holst <bholst@jedc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:38 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: JEDC Opposition to SB6



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March 30, 2015

Representative Bob Lynn

Alaska State House of Representatives

Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Lynn,

The mission of Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) is to foster a healthy and sustainable economic climate in Juneau and Southeast Alaska. The Board of Directors of the JEDC would like to urge you to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 6, exempting the state from daylight saving time.

We feel that this legislation will have unintended adverse effects on the tourism industry in the region. The loss of the extra hour of evening daylight during the peak months of business activity, particularly in May, early June, late August and September will have an economic impact on aviation, marine services and many retail businesses serving the vibrant tourism industry in our region. The loss of daylight will result in the loss of operating hours, business opportunities, and the concurrent loss of revenue for shore excursion, air taxi, and marine tour businesses. Shifting schedules to the earlier morning daylight will not substitute for the evening hour because of the undesirability of early departures. We anticipate a decrease in tourism-related business, which will trickle down to reduce support business revenues as well, and therefore reduce the amount of sales tax collected by communities. None of these adverse economic consequences are warranted while our state is facing economic uncertainty due to the state's fiscal situation.

Of further concern, this bill will create a two-hour time difference between Juneau and Seattle, and a five-hour difference between Juneau and the East Coast, for much of the year. This would reduce the time available to conduct business by an additional hour, and conducting business in a time zone that does not remain consistent with adjacent states could create additional confusion.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian Holst", enclosed within a faint, hand-drawn oval.

Brian Holst

Executive Director

Juneau Economic Development Council

Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

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March 31, 2015

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I write this letter to express the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce's opposition to the passage of SB 6 and our desire that CSSB 6(FIN) "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" not be moved from the House State Affairs Committee.

Our Chamber works hard to promote economic diversity, regional growth, a climate that is good for business, a lifestyle that attracts year-round residents, and a stable, productive workforce. We strongly believe that the elimination of Daylight Saving Time will dampen our ability to further any and all aspects of this mission, and we are duly concerned about the impacts that the loss of an additional hour of daylight during the peak months of business activity will have on aviation, marine services, and many retail businesses serving the cruise industry here in Ketchikan. Further, the loss of another hour of daylight during the summer will negatively affect the overall quality of life for those who live, work, and do business in our region. Specifically, we are concerned about the following:

- Alaska will stay on 'winter' time year-round and thus will be two hours behind Seattle and five hours behind New York when they shift to Daylight Saving Time along with the rest of the country. One result of this discrepancy will be that south-bound cruise ships departing Ketchikan and Alaska for points south will have to leave an hour earlier to achieve parity with Pacific Daylight Time, resulting in a nearly \$9,000,000.00 loss in revenues to our city and to Alaska.
- When these regions return to Standard Time we will be one hour behind Seattle and four hours behind New York as we are currently. This will confuse businesses and individuals across the country and complicate communications, particularly the scheduling of teleconferences and appointments. Businesses here in Alaska may have to shift their start times to earlier in the day for half the year (and then switch back) in order not to lose valuable time with partners farther East.
- Sunset during the summer months will be an hour earlier than it is currently. This will detrimentally impact flight operations, marine charters, tour businesses, and the safety of shift worker transportation. Individuals will lose time to participate in valuable recreational activities that make Ketchikan and our region a special place to live, and those who depend on subsistence activities will suffer both culturally and economically by darkness coming earlier. Similarly, commercial fishermen will be forced to shift their schedules and suffer the burden of having to wake up at 2 or 3 am in order to maximize their fishing time.
- Financially, there will be a rise in programming costs to transportation, shipping, logistics, and broadcasting businesses. Municipal governments like our own will lose sales tax revenues, particularly as a result of losses in the tourism sector, and a negative "trickle-down" effect will damage sales at those businesses which support other directly-impacted sectors.

Our Chamber understands the necessity of living within our means as Alaskans and advocates for reductions in state spending in order to approach budget sustainability. Given that, we must do all we can to protect those parts of our economy that generate revenue for our state and our people. Now is not the time to raise logistical and technical issues for Alaska's businesses and taxpayers.

The only acceptable compromise is to ensure that if Daylight Saving Time is repealed, Alaska be moved to Pacific Standard Time, thereby preserving the hour of daylight that affects business and the overall quality of life for Alaskans during our most active months. This compromise, of course, is complicated by the size of our state and the fact that, internally, population centers such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan must be able to do business with each other efficiently (making multiple time zones an equally messy proposition). Our Chamber feels strongly that the best option for all Alaskans is to maintain Daylight Saving Time and continue as we currently operate.

On behalf of the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce and our community's businesses, I implore you to consider SB 6 carefully and do all you can to ensure that CSSB 6(FIN) "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska, and providing for an effective date" stays in the House State Affairs Committee and is not passed during this legislative session.

Thank you for your service to Alaska and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Esther Mielke

From: Dan Blanchard <danb@un-cruise.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:58 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 is bad for Alaska

Dear Representative Lynn,

Good day and thank-you in advance for listening.

I am writing you today concerning my sincere and strong objection to SB6 which proposes to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in Alaska. The proposed legislation would allow Alaska to stay on standard time throughout the year beginning on January 1, 2017.

Eliminating daylight savings time will result in the loss of daylight hours in the evening, principally in the months of April, May, late August and September. This action will result in the loss of operating hours for our off-vessel operations and the concurrent loss of revenue for shore excursion, air taxi, and marine tour businesses. This change will also touch other tourism-related business as well, and therefore reduce the amount of sales tax collected by communities. For these reasons, I believe that SB6 is bad for Alaska.

About my company...Un-Cruise Adventures employees over 300 staff in SE Alaska starting in late April and containing to the end of September each year. This summer we will bring nearly 8,000 guests to Alaska with roughly 13 million in expenses paid within our state.

Most sincerely,






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From: Jack Davies <jackd@davies-barry.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:28 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Representative.Dan.Ortiz@akleg.gov
Subject: Senate Bill 06, Re Daylight Saving Time

Dear Representative Lynn:

I would like to express my strong objections to the passage of any bill which would eliminate Daylight Saving Time in Alaska. I was born and raised in Ketchikan and am a third generation Alaskan. I run a business which employs 25 people in Ketchikan, Craig, and Juneau. The loss of Daylight Saving Time would put Alaska 2 hours behind Seattle, and this can have a significant impact on the level of service we are able to provide to our customers.

In addition, the geographical location of Ketchikan, and all of SE Alaska means that we would lose an additional hour of daylight during our treasured summer months, especially in August and September. Our area already paid the price when we were taken off Pacific Time several years ago.

The impact on our cruise ship businesses would be significant as some ships would have to depart Ketchikan an hour earlier than normal in order to make their scheduled arrivals in Seattle and Vancouver.

I can see no upside to the elimination of Daylight Saving Time, while there are many significant detriments. I urge you to reject this measure.

Thank you.

Jack Davies

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From: Brian Tillotson <btillotson@mckinleycapital.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: senate bill 6 day light saving time

Hello Mr. Nob Lynn

Please do not allow Alaska to move away from the time change.

To be 5 hours off from the east coast is a terrible idea and would effect me and the company I work for directly.

This would also effect many other businesses in the state.

The best thing to do is nothing and just leave it alone.

Also isn't there many other more important issues that should be dealt with that the state needs then this. The representative that put this on the table needs to start focusing on things that bring in more revenue to the state.

Thank you

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