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Senator Kelly Merrick
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Merrick,

On behalf of Allen Marine, a family-owned Alaskan company with nearly 60 years of experience in the maritime and tourism sectors, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 26 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. This legislation, which proposes a permanent shift to Pacific Standard Time (PST)—effectively Alaska Daylight Savings Time year-round—represents a vital step in modernizing Alaska’s time zone to reflect the operational realities of our state’s economy.

As a major employer in Southeast Alaska and primary provider of day cruises and maritime services, our operations are built around daylight hours and depend on Pacific Northwest logistics. The proposed alignment with year-round Pacific Standard Time offers major benefits for our industry:

- **Optimized Tour Operations:** In the late summer months of August and September, our operations and revenue are significantly affected by dwindling daylight in the evening hours. Other legislative proposals that would result in a permanent shift to Alaska Standard Time would necessitate the cancellation of evening tours. This would lead to reduced wages for staff, lower sales tax revenue for the communities in which we operate, and slow business growth.
- **Logistical Ease:** Alaska’s maritime and other industries depend on synchronization with Seattle and Pacific Northwest logistics, supply chains, and cruise schedules. Increasing the time gap by moving to permanent Alaska Standard Time would create scheduling friction. On the other hand, permanent PST alignment streamlines communication and coordination.

The visitor industry and maritime industries are foundational elements of Alaska’s economic health. By supporting SB 26, the legislature has an opportunity to help these industries grow and stay better connected to the broader Pacific economy. We urge you and your colleagues to support Senate Bill 26 to provide the stability and daylight hours necessary for Alaska’s maritime and tourism businesses to thrive.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the growth of our state’s economy.

Sincerely,
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