



WINGS AIRWAYS & THE TAKU GLACIER LODGE

April 20, 2026

To: Representative Ashley Carrick, chair, House State Affairs Committee
Representative Andy Story, vice chair, House State Affairs Committee

Re: Support for Senate Bill 26 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Dear Representative Carrick & Representative Story,

I am writing on behalf of Wings Airways and the Taku Glacier Lodge in strong support of SB 26. We respectfully request that this letter be included in the official record as supporting documentation.

As a Juneau-based small business operating seasonal aviation and tourism experiences, our operations are directly tied to available daylight—particularly during Alaska’s peak visitor months. Maintaining extended evening daylight is critical to our ability to operate safely, efficiently, and at a level that meets visitor demand.

We support SB 26 as it would establish a consistent, year-round time structure aligned with Pacific Standard Time (PST). This approach provides a practical solution to eliminating biannual clock changes while preserving the daylight hours that are essential to Alaska’s visitor industry.

We also support thoughtful solutions that recognize Alaska’s unique geography, including approaches that allow for regional flexibility such as a two-time zone structure and recommend the committee adopt a CS that would allow the central and eastern parts of Alaska—with over 90% of the state’s population—to align itself with PST.

As highlighted by the Alaska Travel Industry Association, tourism is a major economic driver in our state, supporting thousands of jobs and billions in economic output annually. Ensuring that Alaska maintains a time structure that supports peak-season operations is critical not only for individual businesses, but for the broader economic health of our communities.

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We appreciate your consideration of SB 26 and its impact on Alaska's tourism economy. We would welcome the opportunity to provide testimony or additional information if helpful and kindly request the committee hear SB 26 at their nearest convenience.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

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