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Subject: SB 6

Good Morning-

This eMail is with regards to SB6.

I am against this bill for a number of reasons, two of which I will state here:

1) In the fall time in the Arctic, conservation of daylight is a premium issue. Keeping as much daylight during the workday as possible is really important. It is safer to work in the daylight and also much more efficient. It may only be a week or so before the gain is lost, but it truly is important to those of us that don't work a traditional workday and work until the work is done. In other words, I start my workday, but don't end it until I am done. Not necessarily at a given hour. So the added daylight is very welcome.

2) Moving to a system that is different from the rest of the United States is not efficient either. I remember the days when even Alaska was in separate time zones. It was a struggle to do business. Even now, trying to deal with East Coast companies is tough when they are going home at the middle of our workday.

Lastly, please read the following concerning my preference, which is to stay ON Saving Time!

From NY Times - <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/03/06/daylight-saving-time-at-what-cost/keep-daylight-saving-time-year-round>

Extending daylight saving time year-round would save lives, reduce crime, [save energy](#) and stop Americans from losing sleep each time we switch our clocks.

First, darkness kills. Delaying sunset by an hour would save over 350 American lives annually, by reducing traffic fatalities during the evening. The change from daylight to twilight causes a 300 percent increase in fatal vehicle-pedestrian crashes, and the evening rush hour produces twice as many accidents as morning (nearly everyone is awake and moving about in early evening; whereas many are still asleep at sunrise).

Second, criminals love darkness. Numerous types of crime, including robbery, assault, motor vehicle theft and juvenile crime, peak during the early evening hours once the sun sets, while the corresponding rates are low during morning. Criminals are simply late to rise and late to bed, and we should take advantage of it by removing one hour from their workday.

Third, energy is saved by daylight saving time. Why? There is greater use of fossil fuels and electricity during evenings than mornings (because more Americans are awake). Hence, shifting sunlight to the evening causes a reduction in evening peak load, which outweighs a small increase in the early morning

load caused by daylight saving time. This was the primary reason that the U.S. moved to year-round daylight saving time during World War II and the 1970s oil crisis.

Fourth, the switching of the clocks during fall and spring is concerning. Studies show a significant increase in traffic fatalities for the week following the spring time change (after we lose an hour of sleep), and shockingly the same result after we gain an hour in Fall. Why? Because altering sleep cycles negatively impacts health, coordination and alertness. This impact extends even to financial markets: on Mondays after the time changes, the NYSE, AMEX and Nasdaq exchanges average a one-day loss of \$31 billion.

There are only so many hours in the day -- we must take advantage of them the best we can.

Thank You

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"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death!" -- Mame Dennis (Auntie Mame)