



KCAM Radio

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Re: SB 6 Exempt Alaska from Daylight Saving Time

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

I am the station manager of KCAM Radio in Glennallen. We are a small, privately owned station with an all-volunteer/missionary supported staff. We are the only local radio station heard in the Copper River Valley. Our programming lineup includes local events as well as nationally syndicated programming. As you can imagine, we already adjust our schedules to work with live programs that are available based on time zones three and four hours ahead of Alaska Time. The idea of eliminating Daylight Saving Time may sound simple, but is not practical for broadcasters, most of whom rely on at least some national programming.

Entire blocks of our programming would have to be recorded for later playback, eliminating the option for local listeners to call in. **You will be restricting their ability to have a voice in issues or ask questions to aid in their own education on finances, politics, and other important issues.** The other option would be to reschedule the entire program lineup every six months, which would result in cutting out programming, and involve significant time and effort on the part of our already limited staff.

Doing business across time zones is always a challenge when doing business with, or from, Alaska. Adding another hour to our time difference adds to that difficulty. We would not be opposed to being on Pacific Time, but please do not eliminate Daylight Saving Time unless and until the remainder of the U.S. does so.

While Daylight Saving Time is not a necessity for those of us in the far north, we are connected in many ways to the Lower 48, which does observe this change. Let's not isolate ourselves further, creating more work and limiting our options for business and interaction with our neighbors to the south. Please reconsider your support of Senate Bill 6. We'll go to sleep an hour early in the Spring to make up the difference.

Sincerely,

Scott Yahr  
Station Manager