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Good letter telling him I
don't, at this time, plan on buying bill
out.



February 10, 1975

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Dear Roz:

Just a short note to thank you for copying me with your letter to Representative Helen Beirne regarding HJR 2. Your thoughts regarding the suggested transfer of Southeast Alaska to Yukon Standard Time are certainly well stated and I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to the chairman of the committee which is considering that bill -- Representative Bob Bradley, of the House Commerce Committee. I am, by copy of this letter, asking Chairman Bradley to advise you when hearings are scheduled on this subject so you can make additional testimony if you so desire.

Again, many thanks and please do not hesitate to contact me on any legislative matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Miller".

Mike Miller

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January 27, 1975

Representative Helen D. Beirne
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Re: HJR 2

Dear Mrs. Beirne:

Your proposed Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Transportation to transfer Southeast Alaska to the Yukon Standard Time Zone has just come to my attention. As I did last year, I strongly oppose any such Resolution.

During the winter we in Southeast Alaska use every available hour of daylight and it is not a matter of great concern whether the time is shifted forward or back one hour. In the summer months, however, a good portion of our daylight occurs during normal sleeping hours. Your proposal would eliminate an hour of daylight between approximately 10:00 and 11:00 P.M. and move it to approximately 3:00 to 4:00 A.M. This deprives everyone of an opportunity for recreation and wastes an hour of our precious summer sunlight.

I expect the reason for your proposal is to accommodate communication with Anchorage. Since I do 95% of my out-of-town business with Anchorage and Fairbanks as opposed to the lower forty-eight I am familiar with the difficulty presented by time zone differences. However, these differences are by no means insurmountable and, for whatever gain there is in ability to communicate with Central Alaska, there is a corresponding increase in the difficulty with communicating with all of the lower forty-eight states. I don't think a real business benefit would accrue from a change in time zones. But even if such benefit would result I don't believe it can be justified. Business benefit would involve a relative few of the population in Southeast Alaska. The entire population of Southeast Alaska lives here through the summer months and would suffer at the loss of daylight and a shortening of their valuable evening hours. Too often persons in business and government confuse their own selfish benefit with the overall good of the community.

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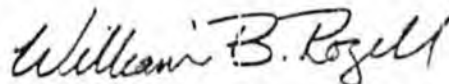
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I would welcome the opportunity to testify at any hearings held on this Joint Resolution or any related matters.

Very truly yours,

FAULKNER, BANFIELD, DOOGAN & HOLMES

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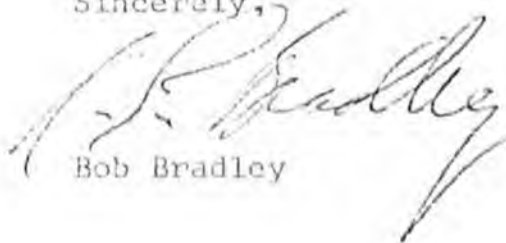
March 7, 1975

Mr. William Rozell
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Dear Mr. Rozell,

Representative Miller has sent me a copy of your letter to Representative Beirne. At this time, I have no intention of scheduling a hearing or taking any other action on House Joint Resolution No. 2. I will notify you if I make any change in these plans.

Sincerely,


Bob Bradley

BB/mr

Dear Mr. Royell,

At this time
Rep Miller has sent me a copy
of your letter to Rep. Birnie. At this
time I have no intention of scheduling
a hearing or taking any other action
on H.R. 2. I will notify you if
~~my feelings change there~~ I make
any change in these plans.

Sincerely

Bob Bradley



February 18, 1975

Mr. Donald E. Barry, Trainmaster
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Dear Don:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 7th relative to Joint Resolution No. 2 regarding change in time zones for Southeast Alaska. I appreciate your taking the time to outline the difficulties presently being experienced due to the difference in time between Whitehorse Yukon Territory and Southeast Alaska. I am taking the liberty of sending copies of your letter to Bob Bradley Chairman of the House Commerce Committee who currently has jurisdiction over this resolution.

Again many thanks and please do not hesitate to write regarding this or any other legislation before the legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Miller", is written over the typed name.

Mike Miller

cc: Representative Bob Bradley

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February 7, 1975

Representative Mike Miller
Alaska House of Representatives
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Dear Mike:

I am writing to you requesting your support for House Joint Resolution No. 2 introduced by Representative Helen Beirne on January 22, 1975.

I am completely in favor of this resolution for all of the reasons mentioned and will attempt to explain how Southeast Alaska being in the present time zone adversely affects our operations.

As you know the White Pass and Yukon Route operates trains, both freight and passenger, between Skagway, Alaska, and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Skagway and Whitehorse are on two different times with Whitehorse being one hour behind Skagway. In other words, when it is 5:00 P.M. in Whitehorse, it is 6:00 P.M. in Skagway. Since we operate our train schedules on Skagway time, this causes much confusion for our passengers who come into Whitehorse by various modes of transportation on one time, stay in accommodations on that same time, and then have to catch a train the next morning for Skagway on a different time. This causes some passengers to miss the train in Whitehorse when they become confused on the two different times. Passengers travelling in the other direction, Skagway to Whitehorse, many times miss connections because of the different times.

Since tourism plays such an important part in Alaska's economy, I believe anything that can possibly be done, no matter how small, to make their travels more convenient should be attempted.

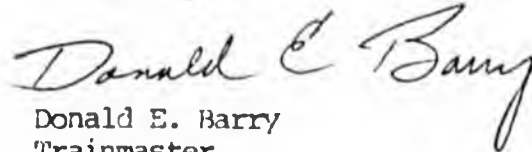
In addition to the above, the two different times cause a certain hardship on our train crews operating out of Whitehorse. These crews run trains to Bennett (about half way) and back to Whitehorse each day. They all live in Whitehorse, so in effect, they are living on one time and working on another. Needless to say this can become confusing and frustrating.

Representative Mike Miller
February 7, 1975
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Without doing a little research I could not say for sure, but I would imagine that travelers over the Haines Highway encounter similar problems.

Your support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated and if it passes I would respectfully request that you personally urge our delegation in Congress to support this and do everything possible to convince the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Transportation to make the requested change as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Barry
Trainmaster
Rail Division

DEB:jm

One of the main reasons for the overwhelming vote to move the capital from Southeastern Alaska is the 85% of the population in the state lives in Southcentral. Central, Western, Northern, and Northwestern Alaska feel out of touch with our state government. I personally feel that a big reason for this feeling of being isolated from our state government is that Southeastern is on Pacific Standard Time and is two hours ahead of Anchorage and Fairbanks. This disparity is illustrated graphically as Table I and the end result is that the majority of the state can contact Juneau directly for only four and one half hours a day. Most of us who have to deal with the state government in Juneau find ourselves frustrated trying to cram our business into this short period and lately the problem has been compounded by inadequate phone service.

I think that most of us agree that the capital should be made more accessible. However, I disagree that the best way to handle this problem is to move the capital to Central or Southcentral Alaska. This alternative, while clearly the most simple, would ruin the economy of the Juneau area. A recent study prepared for the City and Borough of Juneau indicates that the capital move would cost the Juneau area 2,347 government jobs and an annual payroll of over \$38 million. This problem is further compounded by estimates that the population would drop from 16,593 to 6,171 if the capital were relocated and nothing came into the city economy to take its place.

I feel quite strongly that if Southeastern Alaska was on the same time as Central and Southcentral that we would be taking a giant step forward in improving the availability of the capital to the majority of Alaskans. Currently, the two hour time difference is just another obstical in trying to deal with our state government. Travelers to Southeastern lose two hours and what would normally be a one our flight takes a three hour chunk from everyone's schedule. The day after you arrive you suffer from "Jet lag" and starting the day two hours earlier than usual is a trying affair.

There are presently three options which would greatly increase ~~a~~^{cc}cessability to the state and wouldn't cost the taxpayers anything. The first would be to change the time zone in Southwestern from Pacific Standard Time to Yukon Standard Time. As documented in Table 2 this would increase the number of hours which we can communicate with Southeastern from four and one half to five and one half, a gain of 22% more time. A second solution would be to change the time to Yukon Standard and change the office hours of State employees from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is illustrated in Table 3 and would result in the rest of the state gaining an additional one half hour of time to communicate with Southeastern. This represents an improvement of 33% more accessibility to the capital than we hve now.

The final solution is total parity. One time for the entire state. While this does have exciting possibilities, I

don't know what impact this option would have. Nome and Kotzebue would also be affected as well as most of the communities in that part of Alaska. However, we would gain the advantage of being able to communicate with and travel to Juneau with much of the ease we now travel to & from Fairbanks. It would be easy to commute by taking a seven o'clock flight in the morning and a six o'clock flight in the afternoon. Problems associated with jammed communication circuits during business hours would ease because instead of only four and one half hours we would suddenly have seven and one half hours of communicating time available.

While I am not in a position to do anything other than outline what I think is a good idea. I hope that this does make some sense and that I'm not just rambling on about something which is way way out.

TABLE I

PST		AST
8 am	Time Zone Overlap	
9		
10		2 a.m.
11	2 hours	9
12		10
1 pm	Lunch	11
2	1 hour	12
3	Lunch	1 P.m.
4	1 1/2 hours	2
4:30		2:30
	Time Zone Overlap	4 00
		4 30

Total 4 1/2 hrs/day

TABLE 2

PST		AST
2 a.m.	Overlap	
4		
10		2 a.m.
11	3 hours	9
12		10
1 pm	Lunch	11
2	Lunch	12
3		1 pm
4	2 1/2 hours	2
4:30		3
	Overlap	4
		4:30

Total 3 1/2 hours
25% gain

TABLE 3

YST		AST
8:30	Overlap	8 am
9 a.m.		9
10		10
11		11
12		12
1 pm	Tunisian lunch	12
2	Archievage lunch	1 pm
3		2
4		3
5		4
		Overlap

Total 6 hours

(Change office hours in yuma
 from 8 am - 4:30 pm to 8:30 am - 5 pm
 that would be coupled with a time change)