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I oppose this bill. At our latitude, adjusting for daylight savings maintains some stability during the year in the time of sunrise and it allows for later light in the summer. If this bill passes, sunrise in June will be around 4:20am, instead of 5:20am. In the outdoor summer month of August, sunset will be around 7:15pm, instead of 8:15. Both are simply too early. "Day time" will feel too out of sync with normal lifestyles. For example, this is not ideal for our summer activities like camping or backyard cookouts. Nor does it seem right for the work day to start four hours after sunrise. Much as constant daylight savings time creates too late a sunrise in winter, constant standard time has its issues too. We have a good balance now. A one hour change twice per year is not a big deal. People do this all the time in air travel with few complaints; it's equivalent to minimal jet lag. Pros outweigh the cons here.