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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB1548

Good afternoon, I am writing this letter today in opposition of Senate Bill 1548. My name is Chris Figura, I am a 46 year old resident who was born and raised in Portland. For the past 17 years I have been a Firefighter in the City of Portland and oppose SB 1548. As far as coming from a firefighter perspective I believe that what Oregonians supported several years ago, which was to stay on Daylight savings time should still be persued. During the winter months the majority of Oregonians go to work in the dark and come home in the dark. By staying on Daylight savings time, there would be an hour of daylight available after work to be able to get a few things done as well as not being at work during the only daylight hours. Also, one of the best things about an Oregon Summer is the fact that it stays light until almost 10 pm. This is great for outdoor activities or just sitting on the river for the evening enjoying as much daylight as possible. If you vote to stay on Standard Daylight time, it would get light at around 3:30 in the morning which I think we can agree the majority of people are sleeping. It would be a total waste of a productive hour and would once again ruin the best things out an Oregon Summer. (Staying light until 10 pm). On the winter side, I believe having the extra hour of daylight for kids to be able to go outside and play with friends, allowing workers to drive home in the daylight and still be able to spend some daylight outside with their children and just the overall safety of people driving home after work still being able to see better vs driving to and home from work in the dark. At least by staying on Daylight savings time, you would have one leg of your trip in the light.

For me as a firefighter, I am often up 3-4 times after midnight so having it stay dark for an extra hour in the morning allows me to come home and fall back to sleep easier when it's still dark vs being light out in the Winter, and in the summer it allows me to have an extra hour to get chores done around the house in the evening after the morning is spent sleeping after only receiving an hour or two of sleep at work.

The people of Oregon spoke loudly several years ago to stay on Daylight savings time. We love our long days in the summer. Do to certain hiccups, that never became reality, and I feel that this new bill is killing the wishes of Oregonians. If most Oregonians are like me, as soon as I heard that there was another discussion of a bill to not change the time anymore, I automatically assumed it was a revitalization of the Bill to stay on Daylight savings time and was glad to hear it brought back alive. A couple days ago, I saw a news story about SB 1548 saying that you are proposing exactly the opposite of our wishes. Do not pass SB 1548! Please! It seems like someone that just hates losing and gaining an hour so much is more concerned with getting rid of Springing forward and falling back it doesn't matter what the clock is

finally set to Daylight or Standard Time. Well to the people who have lived here our entire life, it does matter. Everything is getting screwed up in Oregon, it's one of the most depressing States in the Country and getting rid of an hour of productive daylight permanently will only increase depression and Oregons great summers. As a kid growing up, the darkness in the morning was no big deal, but having it get dark at 4 to where we couldn't do anything outside in the light sucked And the summers were the best as it got light at 4:30 and stayed light until 10 pm, allowing us to play and spend time with our friends longer. After 46 years in Portland, I still fell the same way and if it's between the choice of staying on Standard Daylight time vs having to change our clocks twice a year, I would rather change my clocks twice a year for the rest of my life. Staying on Standard Daylight time is a non starter. Please do no do another thing to make Oregon worse. Just leave it as it.

Sincerely,

~Chris F