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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to voice strong opposition to eliminating daylight savings time (DST) and to remain on standard. First of all, the earliest sunrise would end up being 4:54am. I don't know about you, but if you want to worry about circadian rhythm, sunlight blasting in my house without blackout curtains at 5:00am would be horrendous. Furthermore, the LATEST peak of sunset would be 8:04pm instead of 9pm. I work an 8:00am to 5:00pm job as a very large number of people do. Standard time, would basically nuke the pleasure of being able to enjoy outdoor recreation and dining in the summer months - Oregon's most treasured time - for anyone working a regular schedule. Oregon's tourism relies HEAVILY on its summers (think of the beach, people!). People come to enjoy the outdoors and all of its glory during hours humans are usually awake. We do not need earlier sunrises in summer.

Finally, you have based this bill on the approval of Oregon and Washington. Permanent DST was also passed in both Oregon and Washington contingent on California, which failed to pass this. Why not continue onward on that path where most people and many an expert agree - DST would make more sense if a permanent change is to happen. If the entirety of the West Coast (best coast) does DST I have little doubt that the U.S. Congress would deny it. Hell, even Marco Rubio supports permanent DST and that lummoX can't agree on much anything but unraveling democracy.

Please don't create the stress of this god awful change looming and placing out hopes on California and Washington to shoot this down. Listen to your own experts' testimony that was in support of permanent DST. Listen to the many polls that don't favor this change. I ABSOLUTELY will actively campaign against and seek to primary any Oregon legislator in my district who supports this. Do the right thing, not the easy stupid thing. Please. Thanks.