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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency
Management, Federal and World Affairs

Measure, Appointment SB566
or Topic:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 566 and any future proposals aimed at making standard time permanent.

Many of us on the West Coast have clearly expressed our preference for staying on Daylight Saving Time permanently, and I fully support this stance. The Pacific Northwest is known for its natural beauty, and we should take full advantage of our daylight hours, especially since so much of our time is spent indoors during the workweek.

Currently, we are only on standard time for about four months out of the year. This makes switching to permanent standard time a much larger disruption to our daily routines than staying on Daylight Saving Time year-round. The change would have real and negative impacts on the way we live our lives.

For example, a permanent shift to standard time would result in summer sunrises before 5:00 AM for nearly 100 days each year. As a surfer I represent many people who are dedicated to doing activities at day break during the summer. The early sunrise would make these kinds of pleasures difficult to enjoy. Surfing is, of course, just one of many activities that are best done at dawn.

Given these concerns, I would much rather continue the inconvenience of changing the clocks twice a year than endure the far greater disruption that permanent standard time would cause. I strongly urge the Oregon Legislature to reject this misguided proposal and carefully consider the negative consequences it would have on our daily lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.