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Hello,

To whom it may concern please do not approve permanent standard time! It goes in the opposite direction that our state has already approved we would go in with legislation passed in 2019 to go to permanent daylight time. Literally every person I have heard discuss permanent daylight time is in favor of it. It is not because of the switch, it is because daylight time is more appropriate for our geographic location. If we go with standard time, we should move to a different time zone so we still get the effects of daylight savings time year round and it is legal with congress.

Having more time in daylight is critical for many activities of working people and children. Depression rates go up when people can't be outside while its light out. Since very few people have the luxury of going out before work it means people will be deprived of this necessary human experience.

It raises safety concerns and makes people go on evening walks in the dark. This is especially troubling for single women and children in bad areas who don't feel safe going out at night.

I represent the local rowing community who cannot for safety reasons row in the dark. Going on permanent standard time will mean about 4 more months of the year we can't practice. That puts us at a significant disadvantage for national competitions of other states with rational time zones. It also leads to less people getting exercise or socializing.

Permanent standard time is a terrible idea that causes depression, safety hazards, is bad for the environment and simply doesn't make sense. **DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS. IT IS NOT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.** The people want permanent daylight time so there's more light not less. No one cares about the switch. Its a compromise we are willing to accept until the full daylight time can be passed.

Thanks!