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I oppose this measure because I don't want to lose the precious late evening light of a Pacific Northwest summer. Much of the year, it's dark by the time I get off work—that sucks. Summer's long days are the reward for making it through the darkness. Staying in standard time in the summer would move an hour of that precious light to the early morning where it's much harder to use. In the summer's, after work, I enjoy hiking or playing sports in the park; this proposal would steal around a quarter of that already too-brief time. If anything, we should spring forward another hour or two in the summer to take full advantage of the light.

It may seem silly, and changing time may be a hassle, but many people like myself do not have the flexibility to change our schedules around the available daylight.

I would be willing to try year-round daylight time—though I fear it will make getting out of bed in December even more challenging—though I have come around to the position that our current system of changing the clocks has more benefits than drawbacks and would be just fine keeping things as they are.

What ever happens, I just hope it isn't permanent standard time. Thank you.