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I am very much against changing to permanent Pacific Standard Time. I am in favor of RESPECTING THE VOTERS and waiting for congress to approve of the current plan to enact permanent Daylight Savings Time. Even if they never do their job and get it done, keeping things as there are would be a much better outcome. Changing to permanent PST would amount to "very" early 3-4am sunrises around the time of the solstice and much less light at the end of the business day for several months before and after.

The so-called health benefits that proponents are claiming a permanent PST would bring are a complete farce and have no grounding in reality. The data actually shows the opposite. More drivers are on the road at the end of the work day than in the morning, so increased darkness during later hours (when it would otherwise be PDT) would result in more accidents. More cars on the road during darkness = more accidents. Also, children will not be safer going to school. It will be dark either way during the winter months, and when they come home. Conversely when they come home, it will be darker and more unsafe at the end of the day during months that would have been DST but have now been switched to PST with earlier sunsets. A better solution would be to have later start times for school (and probably work).

Most people want permanent Pacific Daylight Time. This is actually a pretty big issue. Respect our wishes! Your jobs are counting on it.