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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1548

I want to continue expressing my strong opposition to SB 1548 for several reasons.

- 1) DST allows Oregonians to utilize much more of their free time after work to enjoy the many outdoor activities our beautiful state provides. Adding another hour of daylight in the mornings would be of little benefit since most people will still be going to work first thing in the morning and not able to use that time for recreation and community activities like they can in the evenings.
- 2) Think about how this change would affect the areas of our state that depend on tourism. Would you want to go camping only to be chased by the darkness into your tent or RV by 9pm during the height of summer? And would you want to be awakened at 3:30am by the cacophony of birds chirping?
- 3) With DST's current length of almost 8 months it is by far considered the 'norm', and our routines and activities have been structured to take advantage of those glorious Oregon evening hours of high summer.
- 4) Conducting business with those on the east coast would be even more difficult with the 4-hour time difference. And have you ever tried to schedule a call with friends or relatives across time zones. It doesn't sound like much but when I'm just sitting down for dinner as they are going to bed there's not much of a window for a nice conversation.

Even if a trigger clause is added to the bill, it's clear that most Oregonians prefer permanent daylight savings time. That is what the 2019 legislature agreed to and until Congress approves the switch, we should keep changing between daylight savings and standard time twice a year.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely, Helen Redfield