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Measure: SB1548

Senate Bill 1548 will increase driving hazards for commuters and energy costs for every Oregonian — all while depressing evening economic activity at local businesses, irreplaceable family time at state parks and a wide range of outdoor activities.

Five years ago, you supported permanent Daylight Saving Time for a lot of good reasons. Those reasons haven't changed. Going in the exact opposite direction makes no sense, especially in light of the state's push for energy conservation.

When Daylight Saving Time was extended in 2005, a Department of Energy study found that the extra four weeks of daylight saved around 0.5% in total electricity daily in the U.S., equaling energy savings of 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours annually. Now you're proposing to eliminate those energy savings year-round. Our energy bills will be even higher than they are now, and poor families will suffer as a result.

If this bill passes, I'll be less safe when I drive home at night. And my grandchildren and I will avoid going out to eat, shop and play in the evening when it gets dark early. People who work during the day have a hard enough time fitting in healthy outdoor activities when they get home from the office. This bill would eliminate hundreds of hours of enjoyment annually for families across the state.

Please vote No on Senate Bill 1548. It's a piece of legislation that never should have seen the light of day.