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Re: Senate Bill 6 – Oppose Repeal of Daylight Saving Time

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce opposes the repeal of Daylight Saving Time.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 400 businesses in Juneau. We have taken the time to survey our membership regarding the *repeal of Daylight Savings Time*. 31% of our membership responded to the survey with 75% voting against the repeal of Daylight Saving Time. (20% in favor, 5% no opinion).

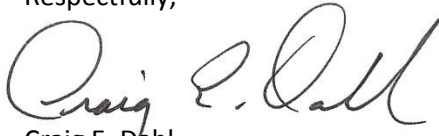
Discussions with many businesses and organizations over this past month have all focused on the loss of an hour of daylight during the months of peak business and recreation. Flight operations, marine charters, and retail businesses related to tourism and recreational activities, especially on the shoulder months of March/April and August/September, will all be financially harmed with the loss of an hour of daylight.

In addition, creating a two-hour time difference between Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, and a five-hour difference to the east coast during this peak business period (or any period for that matter) adds further complexity and cost to those businesses needing to communicate with these areas of the country.

It is perplexing, that during one of the most critical budget challenges the state has faced in recent years, why legislation that “unnecessarily” inflicts economic hardship upon a significant and important segment of our economy is even being considered. There is an obvious way to achieve the goals of the bill’s sponsor while preserving the critical hour of daylight that’s at the heart of the controversy, but the bill in its current form is not acceptable.

The Chamber opposes SB-6 and urges you to stop this legislation from moving forward.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig E. Dahl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig E. Dahl
Executive Director
Juneau Chamber of Commerce

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Sam Kito
Representative Cathy Munoz

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