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Dear Thom,

My Thom + I live on a farm north of Golden Valley, + we're not in favor of Central time for many reasons. You can't feed cows in the dark. People like to feed in the morning + when it's dark, you can't see if a cow is behind or beside the tractor even when using lights. Our High School is in Golden Valley in Mercer Co. + Grade School is in Blodge, No. Dak. in Blum County + if Mercer County goes on Central Time, Blodge will be on Mountain Time and with busing the students, it won't work and we could lose our school because Blodge would go to Halliday in Blum Co. which is on Mountain Time. On the farm, you have to wait to combine until later morning and the best time is in late afternoon, where do we go for parts, if places close on Central Time we can't sit + wait until the next day. We put in 16 to 18 hrs a day + Benlah business people work 9-5:00 so they want Central Time so they can go play golf or go fishing because it's still daylight yet. Where does a farmer get time to go out + fish or have a lifestyle like that? We get up at 4:00 A.M. in the morning + work until dark so in July on Central Time it would be 11:00 + until you get cleaned up + eat, there's not much time to sleep until 4:00 A.M. in the morning. We share our <sup>in Church</sup> Pastor with Blodge in Blum County on Mountain Time and if we go on Central Time it won't work. Little children get on the school bus in the dark on Central Time in the morning.

There will be more High Schoolers chasing their cars around in the afternoon playing their radios going boom boom since there would be more daylight hours after school on Central Time. Kids don't have chances to do like we did on the farm when we were younger after school, instead they'll be in more trouble. The dear Lord gave us our Mountain Time so please let us keep it.

Sincerely Yours,  
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