Department of Transportation,

I wish to address the proposed time change for Mercer County. I want to stay on Mountain Time. This has been my time zone all my life.

1) Sports has been the big issue for the time zone change. Educators and sport fans are forgetting about school children, first graders and up, have to get on the bus early. Also students are not getting their proper rest due to sport events, plus loosing school hours instead of learning. Why is switching time change the answer?

2) The Agricultural Industry will be affected on Central time. The farmer works with the sun, if he breaks down, he loses valuable time until he finds the parts he needs.

(3) Mercer County has two coal mines and several power plant facilities that operate on Central time. If that is their choice so be it. It doesn't work for farmers and school children going on buses.

(4) The West River Transportation bus picks up residents at their homes every Tuesday going to Bismarck, the first Thursday of the month goes to Dickinson. Appointments are scheduled to get their on time.

(5) The Hazen Star or Beulah Beacon are the news papers serving our Community. Some can afford the Bis. tribune.

(6) Beulah has two Health Care clinics, a Nursing Home, Recreation, 14 different religious worship, and other activities all on Mountain time. There is no need to go to Bismarck for grocery shopping and recreation. Who are hurting the business places here.

(7) When the time Change was on the ballot at the primary election. it was a short Notice and poorly publized, a lot of people were not aware of it and a busy season for farmers and other worker

(8) Geographically Mercer County has been well suited for Mountain Time. At midday the sun is directly over head 12:00 O'clock noon. That is how farmers or who ever works out in the open tells time.

(9) I want to stay on Mountain Time

Sincerely,

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