

To: DOT, Regarding proposed time change

I would like to go on the record in favor of changing the time here in Mercer County, North Dakota permanently to Central time. Anyone looking on the map can see that Mercer County naturally falls in line with the Central Time zone. For example, to illustrate, you can go from Beulah and travel 150 to the northwest to Williston, North Dakota and be in the Central time zone. This is ridiculous.

It is a major inconvenience to constantly calculate and allow for time changes for the commute to Bismarck. Many times getting off of work you don't have the necessary time to make a meeting in Bismarck. This is a constant problem confusing many because of mountain and central time schedules. Mercer county, with it's close proximity to Bismarck, and with so many heavily dependant on the Bismarck economy, needs to be on Central Time.

Those that oppose this are simply those who refuse to change regardless of whether it is good or bad. Those who say their kids will now have to board school buses in the dark will have the same kids boarding the buses after school in the light. Many of these arguments are bogus.

I believe changing our zone from Mountain to Central is the right thing to do. I hope you change it.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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