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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to give my reason for Mercer County to stay on Mountain Time.

1) on election day the weather was very bad so a lot of people couldn't get out to vote, and people thought we had another chance in Nov.

2) the business people use the excuse that MT. time makes doing business hard on them - that is just not true. People have been doing business in the county for a good 100 years and never had a problem

Also - the change to Central is something the farmers are very much against. there are literally 100's and 100's more farmers in the county than those few business owners

3) the school uses the excuse that the kids in sports miss so much school. Well! last & remember school is for learning - not playing. Also - up until a few years ago we played local teams. Now they play teams 150 miles or more away. Naturally it takes 1/2 a school day to get there!? Stupid politics shouldn't be used to force a time change on the rest of us!

4) Power plant excuses - my father worked at a local power plants for years until he retired, and my brother in law still works there. We are people who have enough brains to do simple arithmetic. No one has ever been too early or

to late for work or meetings. Just because the home office for the plants run on Central time they think the plants have to run on Central. I think they're using our land & our air they could use our time zone. But they've always used Central & will continue to do so, but those who work there and live in Mercer Co. should be able to do simple arithmatic to know when to be at work. If they want Central time let them move to Bismarck!

5) Being on Central time would serve No benifit to us whatsoever! In fact it would be a negative effect on the farmers who already have more than enough troubles. The farmers are who keep the County going as far as the businesses! The plant people all shop in Bismarck.

6) We have had appointments in Bismarck for as long as I can remember, and were Never, ever too early or to late. We know how to figure time.

7) The Vote was Very close and, as I first stated that day was Very bad weather & people thought we had another chance. If every person in the county were asked personally there would be at least twice as many who want to keep mountain time.

PLEASE!! Don't shove a time change on us for the sake of a few People!!

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,

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