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Chairman Schuring, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member O'Brien and Members of the Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution 8.

I would like to express my strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 , permanently abolishing the long-outdated practice of changing the clocks twice per year. I support staying on "Daylight Savings Time" once we switch in the spring of 2020.

As a small business owner, I can say that productivity and general attitude and awareness suffer shortly after the time changes. Also, it seems as an observation, that people's moods are certainly better when they don't leave the office at 5 PM in near darkness. I have spoken to insurance company executives, that we represent as an Independent Insurance Agent, and they echo my comments above.

I know that there is concern about school children leaving home in darkness, but that is also the case currently. Indeed, I have seen recent information that schools consider moving back their start times due to lack of sleep for children.

The antiquated argument about energy savings has been debunked long ago.

As a crucial state in national politics I would love to see Ohio lead in making this a national effort. After all, as Ohio goes, so go national elections. When you, as our Legislators and leaders, talk people listen!

Thank you,

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