

Senator Kristina Roegner

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1 Capitol Square

Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 119

The purpose of this letter is to support the establishment of a uniform time that does not change for “Daylight Savings Time.” Hundreds of years ago, in an agrarian country, Ben Franklin proposed shifting the clocks to increase hours that children could labor in the fields. His comments were meant as satire. Yet, in a case of over ambition, the US in 1966 established Daylight Savings Time. The name itself is a misnomer—as if the sun will allow us to somehow get really longer days. Further in 2008, the US Department of Energy did a study that could only find a possibility of DST saving less than a percent of electricity. Moreover, the cost of that negligible amount takes its toll on the health and work performance of the entire country. As a college professor, I have had my fill of students showing up bleary-eyed (or not at all!) blaming it on the dreaded “time change.”

The movement to abolish time change is gaining ground: US Senators have recently crafted a bill for the abolishment. President Trump as well has said that he approves. The time has come for Ohio to lead the way in the abolition of this outdated and harmful practice.

I urge you to vote YES on Senate Bill 119.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter C. Surace Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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