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[For State Gov Finance, Vets & Military Affairs Finance, & Elections Conf Cmte of May 3rd, 2021 9AM](#)

*Representative Michael Nelson, Chair
House State Government Finance Committee*

*Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Chair
State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee*

Dear Chair Nelson and Chair Kiffmeyer:

I am addressing this letter to you in the context of the conference hearing “Omnibus state government finance bill” HF1952 scheduled to start [May 3rd](#).

Please don't add [HF72](#) “Advanced standard time, also known as daylight savings time, year round effective upon authorization of federal law establishment” in fact “extension of DST to the winter” to HF1952

[HF1952](#) should not carry [HF72](#) ([SF149](#) its Senate companion bill)

a-The link between a finance bill and the standard of time is not qualified:

-HF1952 issued by the house did not carry HF72.

-SF1831 the Senate omnibus bill did not show SF149, companion of HF72 in the spreadsheet of \$ No \$ are planned in the budget. Bills would take effect only if authorized by congress. It would be very unreasonable and against historical policies for Congress to let it happen. Similar bills in California have repeatedly failed in [2019](#) and [2020](#), and not even attempted in 2021.

b-HF72 as introduced would have **several unintended consequences** in many compartments of the life of Minnesotans. I've presented **facts of history and science when testifying against** HF72 and SF149 in January and February. Written presentations are available first against [SF149](#) and later against HF72 on Feb 4th: https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/docs/OVi1FrDolESUOYaaQy_G4g.pdf I've called them **#darkmorningsbill s** and testified about them at other hearings like [about gas prices](#).

c-“HF72 as introduced” would have **adverse effects on health in terms of costs and lives**. The benefits that are touted by permanent DST are cherry picked and not comprehensive of the overall impact.

d- “HF72 as introduced” would **increase heating bills** and car usage. It would discourage the use of bike and pedestrian habits It would add to the cost of health and cost of labor, and lower productivity. It would create **unsafe and depressing conditions** that have already been unhappily experimented on in 1974.

e-“HF72 as introduced” would **be detrimental to Climate protection**. It would likely increase Greenhouse gas emissions and also be preventing attainable decreases that could be reached by removing DST instead of extending.

f-Several organisations oppose bills such as “HF72 as introduced” at national level: among them the National PTA and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Please keep “HF72 as introduced” out of the omnibus bill.

Please amend [HF72](#) or start a new bill. Instead of DST year round, Minnesota would benefit from permanent standard time year round. You can call it natural standard time, [naturaltime365](#), to improve health, reduce costs and carbon emissions while stopping time changes.

Thanks for your attention. Regards
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