

To the Department of Transportation:

While many of the hoosiers do not expect our voice to be heard or listened to we will continue to voice our complaints about the on going time zone issue. Govenor Mitch Daniels made it his mission to have Indiana chanded to day light savings time. When Govenor Daniels finaally got the issued passed (just barely) he drop the issue in the lap of local goverment to deaal wiht the issue. If the voices of most people are heard the majority want to be on central time. The Local factories and manufacturers want Eastern time. If the voters of the state of Indiana were given an option to vote the vote would be for central time, but more importantly the major issue now is deviding Elkhart county and St. Joseph county. To do this to two counties that are so econometrically linked would be devastating. I myself am a business owner who lives in Elkhart county unfortunately for me my business is located in St. Joseph County. Do I close my business in St. Joseph County and relocate it to Elkhart county? Not likely since my clients for the majority are in St. Joseph county. Do I uproot my family and move from Elkhart County to St. Joseph County? Not likely because my husband has a job in Elkhart county. While central time is the preference seperate time zones would make family life difficult at best. Because we live in Elkhart county any appointments i.e. dentist, doctors, banking, repair services would be impossible to schedule with the counties on two differant time zones and working in a differant time zone that you live in. I myself would not be able to work a full day and give my clients in St. Joseph County the service they need and have been getting from my company for 9 years should i have to leave one time zone to make an appointment in another.

While I deal with computer companies and insurance companies on a daily basis the issue has never before been a matter of what time is it? California is several hours differant than us and I have still been abel to conduct business with them with problems.

Indiana lies in the central time zone leave all of Indiana in the central time zone. If this can't be done then at least let us all be in the same time zone. If Govenor Mitch had left well enough alone this would not be such a hot bed of debate. It will be only a matter of "time" before another Govenor is elected and Indiana will be able to it self back together after Govenor Mitch has torn us apart and split our counties.

This issue all needs to be reviewed with the schools (live in one time zone go to school in another) after schools activities also differant time zones. Just think families could spend less time together get less sleep and lose work time.

Thanks Govenor Mitch