



May 20, 2019

Honorable Assemblymember Kansen Chu
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB-7 Daylight saving time. – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chu,

Independent California is a non-profit that seeks policy changes to move California in a more independent direction. I am writing today to express support for AB 7, not only as the Chair of Independent California's board of directors, but as a parent whose child, a week after the time change, is still unable to consistently get up early enough to get to third grade on time.

AB 7 implements the will of California voters, as expressed in the November 2018 election, to put California on permanent daylight savings time. If enacted and allowed by federal law to come into effect, AB 7 would spare Californians from a twice-yearly disruption in our circadian rhythms, and more closely align our clocks with those of people in Toronto, New York, Mexico City, and other major North American population centers.

Federal law already makes daylight savings time the default for most U.S. residents for nearly eight months a year. It is somewhat maddening that a state of nearly 40 million people cannot even choose to remain on that time for the other four months without federal approval, even after putting the matter before its own voters. Our hope is that

your bill will provide the final push necessary to get the federal government to change its laws, and not simply serve as another example of the empty promise of federalism. In any case, it is a necessary first step, and we wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Marin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "D" and "M".

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