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**From:** Linda Bailey [lkbailey@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:17 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** time zone

the time zone should be set by the sun time and that is in the central time zone.  
for all of indiana.

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**From:** Sara Baker [sebaker@fsbmiddlebury.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:36 AM

**To:** indot@in.gov

Indiana should be on the same time. There is no purpose in having the state cut up. Put the whole state on Central time. Thank You

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**From:** DOUGLAS DELIO [dkdelio@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 9:00 PM

**To:** indot@in.gov

**Subject:** time change

There is a point at which the commerce of our state has to take a backseat to the quality of life of the people. Moving St. Joe to central time would be detrimental to our family life, and family and community should always come first. I want to be able to come home from work next winter and build a snowman with my daughter without the use of flood lights. The best bet would to leave time alone, but Mitch already screwed that up. So, lets not make two mistakes, keep Elkhart and St. Joe together in the Eastern Standard Time zone.

Thnks,  
Doug Delio

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**From:** Mike and Edith Plummer [bubbles@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 8:59 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Our vote is for Eastern Daylight savings time for St. Joseph County

Good Evening,

Our vote is for Eastern Daylight savings time for St. Joseph County. Why Indiana has to be different from the norm with some counties scattered throughout the state on different time zones is just ridiculous.

We are Michiana and let's stay that way. To have an extra hour of daylight after work (in the summer) to enjoy outdoor family events and activities as well as shopping later would be a plus to both families and the economy I would think. We do not want go to work and school in the dark and come home in the dark... How depressing is that! Our family commutes between Elkhart, Cass and St. Joseph County weekly. We also have family in Ohio, Elkhart, Rochester and own property in Michigan all of which would be effected by a Central time zone decision.

We're beginning to think this whole time zone debate to go to Central time is a political decision and not an economical one. We feel the voice of the people needs to be heard as well as the big employers in the community such as AM general, Martins, the local Universities and hospitals. Too, the actual number of daily flights that fly Eastern as compared to the Central time zone should possibly be taken into consideration. Please give much thought to this time zone dilemma. We just want what is best for all our Michiana communities as well as a decision preventing statewide confusion. Thank you!

Michael, Edith, Keith and Nick Plummer  
Granger, IN.

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**From:** Ggsantiago@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 9:01 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** indiana time zone controversy

if we are to "save daylight", then we can only do so by adopting EASTERN TIME !!! HASN'T ANYONE FIGURED THIS OUT YET ? ....we will lose an hour of daylight during business hours, if we go central !!!! that hour lost--of shopping and supporting all of our businesses will HURT INDIANA badly in the pocket book. michigan is right above us---they have this figured out, what is wrong with indiana ?? we don't need to shoot ourselves in the foot !  
gg santiago,...bristol, indiana,.....ggsantiago@aol.com.

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**From:** Kelly, Joseph [jkelly@cvgrp.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 2:01 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** South Bend time zone comments

My opinion is that North Central Indiana should be in the Central Time zone. The economy in this area is more connected to the Chicago area than it is to Indianapolis or other cities that intend to remain on Eastern Time. Nearly all air and rail transportation goes through to Chicago, as well as much of the truck traffic. The area is geographically in the Central Time zone. The only valid reason for remaining on Eastern Time is that is the status quo for half of the year.

Although I reside in La Porte County, I travel frequently through Michiana Regional Airport and my company does business with many businesses in the South Bend area.

Joseph Kelly  
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**From:** Doug Gettig [DGettig@kmccontrols.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 1:22 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** DST

The current time zone boundaries in Indiana should stand as they are now. Those counties surrounding Gary, Terre Haute, and Evansville should remain on Central and everyone else on Eastern. A large number of companies in Indiana deal on a National basis as well as International and the lack of adjusting to DST have created much confusion for businesses outside Indiana. It would be stupid to put St Joseph and Elkhart on different time zones, and even dumber to put Elkhart on Central. Changing the times zones from what they are now would ad more confusion than what it is now. So just leave the zones as they are and put most of Indiana on Eastern. Don't make Indiana look any dumber that it does now.

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**From:** Martha Rasmussen [mrasmussen@memorialsb.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 12:43 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Time Zone Issue St. Joseph/Elkhart

Elkhart and St. Joseph County should remain in the same time zone.

There are too many people who commute between Elkhart and St. Joseph for work, shopping, school etc. They are 2 very closely knit counties who belong in the same time zone.

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**From:** Dawn Green [dawnie\_d@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 12:28 PM  
**To:** indot@ai.org  
**Subject:** South Bend Time Zone Debate

Dear DOT,

I was unable to attend the meeting last night but wanted to give you my opinion regarding the time zone situation. I believe South Bend and the surrounding counties should be on Eastern time. I've lived in South Bend/Mishawaka all my life and always was jealous of those living in Michigan who had longer summer days. I worked in Michigan while living in Indiana and personally found it horrible trying to adjust a sleep schedule when the time changes in order to be at work an hour earlier.

Currently, I work in the field of menal health. From a mental health perspective, I blieve switching to Eastern time would help relive some of the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder. Seasonal Affective Disorder(SAD) is a mood disorder associated with depression episodes and related to seasonal variations of light. Switching to Easter time would at least give residents an extra hour of daylight during the evening and would make the long winter much more bearable.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing your final decision in January.

Dawn Green  
Mishawaka, IN

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**From:** Joy Swartzentruber [JSwartzentruber@wawasee.k12.in.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 12:27 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Time Zone Issue

While the current recommendation does not place Elkhart, Kosciusko, Noble, and Marshall counties in different time zones, given the comments and discussion I have heard via the news media and realizing recommendations may/could change, I have some concerns.

As an educator, a concern I have is that Elkhart, Kosciusko, Noble, and Marshall counties stay in the same time zone.

Our school corporation is in Kosciusko County. We are in a vocational coop with Fairfield High School (Elkhart County) and West Noble High School (Noble County). Each high school hosts different parts of the vocational program, so students from all three high schools travel to different buildings. Some of the vocational programs are also in the city of Warsaw in Kosciusko County. Depending on which building or city the students' vocational program is in could mean that the student is enrolled in school in one county but attends several periods a day in another county. This would make travel and scheduling difficult!

Our school corporation is in the Northern Lakes Conference with Warsaw High School (Kosciusko Co.), Plymouth High School (Marshall Co.), Northwood High School (Elkhart and Kosciusko Co.), Concord High School (Elkhart Co.), Elkhart Memorial High School (Elkhart Co.), Goshen High School (Elkhart Co.), and Northridge High School (Elkhart Co.). If these counties would end up in different time zones, many conflicts would occur. Schools that may not currently have lights for tennis courts, soccer fields, etc., may suddenly have to pay to install lights due to having to start games later depending on which school is hosting the contest. These are funds most schools do not currently have to spend. Confusion would also occur with parents and other spectators as to what time a contest actually begins.

At this point, I really don't have a preference as far as which time zone the four counties would be in - just a huge concern that the four counties are all in one time zone.

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**From:** Patricia Garwood Laskowski [Laskowski.6@nd.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:23 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** time zone question

All of Indiana should be on ONE TIME. . .regardless if it is Central or Eastern. However, I believe Central is the most logical choice!

Has anyone bothered to look at where the state of Indiana is located on the whole United States map? WE ARE NOT AN EASTERN SEABOARD STATE! Therefore, we should NOT be on the same Eastern time at New York City!! Rather, Indiana is more aligned with Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and even Dallas. We should be the same time as other midwestern states!

I work at U. of Notre Dame, yet live in LaPorte County. I have had to endure the time change during brutal winter months for years. So did my father when he worked at Bendix Corporation in the 60s - 80s. So the recent complaints of those who commute between St. Joe and Elkhart counties is lost to my ears. Bottom line is that is ridiculous for the whole state of Indiana to be split like it has been for decades. We should all be on the same time zone - CENTRAL.

As for people who commute between northern Indiana and Michigan, or eastern Indiana and Ohio, the time zone change to Central should not be a surprise. I see no reason why we should go along with Eastern time zone simply because Michigan or Ohio are on it. Those are DIFFERENT STATES! Indiana should be loyal to ITS OWN STATE CITIZENS, and not give in to the preferences of those who live in, or commute to, another state such as Michigan or Ohio.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Patricia Garwood Laskowski

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**From:** Kenney, John B. [john.kenney@tellabs.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:24 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Time Zone for northern Indiana counties

To Whom It May Concern:

This email address was provided in a WNDU-TV on-line story about the time zone controversy in northern Indiana.

I am a resident of St. Joseph County. I favor having St. Joseph County in the Central Time Zone.

Here are several reasons why I favor Central Time:

1. Chicago is the anchor of the upper Midwest. In St. Joseph County we are closely tied to the Chicago area. When we go out of town to work, shop, or attend athletic and cultural events, we go to Chicago, not Indianapolis, Detroit, or New York.
2. We have many years of experience living part of the year on "Chicago Time" and part of the year on "New York" time. This is not a speculative question for us. We have demonstrated, through our elected representatives, a strong desire to be in the Central Time Zone.
3. St. Joseph County is the dominant county in the north-central region of Indiana. We should determine our fate, not have it determined by a smaller neighboring county (more on Elkhart below).
4. I am a telecommuter for a company in the Chicago area. I spend a lot of time in teleconference meetings with my colleagues. It would be greatly beneficial to me in my professional life to be in the Central Time Zone.
5. I prefer that television "prime time" be from 7-10 pm, rather than 8-11 pm.

Comments on the question of keeping north-central Indiana counties in the same time zone:

1. I think it would be great if St. Joseph County and its Indiana neighbors, LaPorte, Starke, Marshall, Kosciusko, and Elkhart counties, are in the same time zone. If that is to be, it should be the one that makes sense to the greatest number of people. St. Joseph County dominates the region in population, jobs, entertainment, and transportation. We should have the largest voice. Our preference for Central Time, combined with that of LaPorte, Starke, and Marshall, should decide the question in favor of Central Time.
2. If the north-central counties are not all to be in the same time zone, then it won't make a large economic difference whether St. Joseph County is in the same time zone with its western neighbors or its eastern neighbors (aside: I think that Marshall county's petition to move to Central Time should be approved). There may be more commuters across the St. Joe-Elkhart border than the St. Joe LaPorte border, but neither number is large enough to force a decision. The economic ties will remain strong with a time zone boundary between St. Joseph and Elkhart counties. The ties have developed with other boundaries, notably local governments. We can easily adjust to a stable time zone assignment, whatever it is.
3. In northern Indiana we have long experience with a time zone boundary between us and Michigan. Most of us living in St. Joseph County live closer to the Michigan border than to the Elkhart County border. We have a time zone difference for half of the year (the summer half, when most of the Indiana-Michigan border crossings occur), and we have no difficulty adjusting to it. Time zone differences are, in my opinion, overstated.
4. It is disingenuous for our Elkhart County neighbors to say that a common time zone is of utmost importance when they are not willing to move with us to Central Time. They place a higher priority on remaining in the Eastern Time Zone than they do in remaining with St. Joseph County. That became evident when they opted not to petition to match the St. Joseph County petition to move to Central Time. The leaders over there, including our Congressman (who is an Elkhart County resident) say we should remain together "no matter which time zone" we end up in, but they don't really mean that. They could have acted to ensure that outcome if they had really wanted it.

In conclusion, I think the residents of St. Joseph County have expressed a clear preference for Central Time, I think that preference is well founded, I think the economic impact of a boundary between St. Joseph and Elkhart counties is overstated, and I think that if such a boundary is deemed too costly then the proper solution is to move Elkhart County into the Central Time Zone as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Becky Stayton [bstayton@elkhart.k12.in.us]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 10:38 AM

**To:** indot@ai.org

**Subject:** St Joe County Time Zone

Please make St. Joe County Eastern. I'm an RN, I work for both the Elkhart County School sytem & St. Joe Hospital in St. Joseph County, both large employers, serving patients in both counties. Having 2 different time zones between Elkhart/St. Joe county would be a nightmare for everyone. Thank you, Becky Stayton RN

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**From:** Winter, Lara [lwinter@hach.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 10:55 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Time Zone Debate for St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties- Our Opinion

Hi,

My husband and I both live in St. Joseph county and commute to Elkhart county for work and we've been talking about the potential time zone split. A few thoughts to consider as to why **these counties should remain on the same time zone**:

\* Since we don't observe daylight savings (yet), choosing one time zone or another only would have an impact on 6 months of business. We've managed to work 6 months on CT and 6 months on ET without issues, so why would choosing one or the other have that much of an impact on business? However, splitting up these counties in Michiana would have a severe impact on the local economy, especially if people choose to move or find a new job in the same county they live in.

\* If individual firms feel they are strongly connected to Detroit or Chicago, no matter what zone is picked, they can still choose alter their office hours by just a half hour each way to minimize the impact of a 6 month time zone change.

\* Indiana should all be on one time zone. It is unworkable to have counties within one state on different time zones. This should not even be up for discussion- the DOT should have made this decision for everyone.

We sincerely hope that the Michiana region, including Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties, remain on the same time zone, whatever that may be.

Sincerely,  
Lara Winter

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**From:** Donna Norris [donna@roberthenrycorp.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:14 AM

**To:** indot@in.gov

**Subject:** Time Zone Issue

I am so tired of this issue being discussed. I thought when the governor wanted this issue solved the time zone would be set at the state line, where it belongs. I certainly can't see letting the counties decide what time they want to be on. We already have that kind of division in the state, so why not leave it as is. If you are going to mess with the time zones, please make a sensible decision and put the WHOLE state on the same time. If you think I really don't know how it is to live and work in 2 different time zones, you are wrong. I live in LaPorte county and work in St. Joseph county. We already wrestle with the different times. Our kids go to New Prairie schools, again 2 different time zones. What fun that is trying to schedule appointments.

If any of you people making the decision on this issue don't live and work in 2 different time zones, then you really don't know the difficulties it brings to your everyday life.

**PLEASE PUT THE WHOLE STATE ON ONE TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**AND WE DO LIVE IN THE MIDWEST – NOT ON THE EAST COAST.....**

Donna Norris  
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219-778-4153

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**From:** Janice Desmarais [jdesmara@nd.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 10:37 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** time zone

I would like to keep St. Joseph Co on eastern time. Many people who live in Michigan, work in this area as well as the reverse. It only makes sense for the greater number of people, that we stay on eastern. More of our boundries come up to those in the eastern time zone. It would only add to the confusion to change things. This has been the "Michiana" area for a long time, NOT the "Chiana" area. Many people from Michigan use the airport and the TV stations also serve the entire area which is mostly eastern. I hope you will focus on what is good for the greatest number of people. Thank you for listening. Janice Desmarais, South Bend, In.

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**From:** GetteminakNegote@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 10:36 AM  
**To:** indot@ai.org  
**Subject:** Indiana Time Zone Debate

I would like to submit my opinion to be added to other considerations:

I live in Marshall County, however my opinion would be the same no matter where I lived within the State:

We are bordered on three sides with other States that are on the EST, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky. It stands to reason that being on the same time as those states all year long would make the most sense. I however do understand those living close to the Chicago area, regarding their jobs, would like to be on the same time as Illinois, however that does not justify having the entire state being out of sync with the majority of the people/states that surround them. AND the idea of splitting up this northern shopping/business/employment area of St Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, etc is not justifiable in any way.

thank you for your consideration,  
MorningSun Kelly

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**From:** Wieczorek Robert (AC-AT/ECA2) [Robert.Wieczorek@us.bosch.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:42 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** St. Joseph County, IN - Go Eastern Time

I would like to go with Eastern Time. All my customers are on Eastern Time. All people I speak to want Eastern. Longer summer days would be great, and isn't this the point of saving daylight??? Actually, it was Mitch Daniels that wanted the change to DST...most were happy with no change...but that is another story.

Go with Eastern time.

Thanks,

Bob Wieczorek  
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**From:** James DeBeck [melagnagroup1@surfpure.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:50 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Time Zone Issue

DOT:

Common sense and geography dictate that the **entire state of Indiana** should be on **Central Time**.

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**From:** Monica Makielski [Monica@anconconstruction.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:39 AM

**To:** indot@in.gov

**Subject:** Indiana Time Zone Issue

I live in St. Joseph County and work in Elkhart County. I would prefer the Eastern Time Zone. My choice overall is that the whole state be on one time zone (Eastern).

Monica Makielski  
South Bend, IN

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**From:** queogaud@aol.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:32 AM

**To:** indot@ai.org

I would like to voice my opinion of central time zone. I think we all would benifit from it and as far as Elkahrt being on the same time I dont think it really matters. Michigan is only a hop skip and a jump and they are not always on the time and it really dont seem to matter. So I say let South Bend be on Central and Elkhart be on whatever they like. Thank you Debra Feiler

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**From:** Timothy Bath [t.bath@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:37 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** Time zone change

As a life-long resident of St. Joseph county, I am in favor of central time. It makes sense that our children should not have to travel to school during the winter months in the dark. Being on central time would alleviate this problem. Eastern time should be a moot point anyway, especially considering we are in the geographic central time zone.

If I were in charge of all this, I would make sure the ENTIRE state was on the same time no matter if it was eastern or central. This county choice thing is ridiculous!

Timothy Bath

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**From:** Amanda Murray [Amanda.Murray@monacocoach.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 8:48 AM  
**To:** indot@ai.org  
**Subject:** time zones St. Joe/Elkhart counties

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in St. Joseph County and commute to work in Elkhart County. I am certainly not alone in this situation. I want to support the proposition that Elkhart and St. Joseph counties stay on the same time zone. It is not imperative to me whether we are on Eastern or Central time, but it is imperative that the two counties are cohesive in this decision.

Thank you,

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**From:** David Sabato [talibopper@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 8:53 AM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** time zone vote

We would like to vote for the Eastern Time zone in South Bend, IN - (St. Joseph County). I am a physician and surgeon, practicing in South Bend, IN, Niles, MI and Berrien Springs, MI. Scheduling and traveling is always easier when we are on the same time. Our family has many activities in Niles, MI, which is only 1 miles north of us, and being on the same time facilitates our being where we need to be on time. This is a business and personal issue to us. We vote for the Eastern Time Zone.

Thank you.

Dr. & Mrs. David M. Sabato  
(physician at the South Bend Clinic)  
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**From:** Dan Reck [dreck@nd.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 4:34 PM  
**To:** indot@in.gov  
**Subject:** St Joseph County time zone debate

Dear sir or madam,

I just wanted to take a brief moment to voice my family's preference for the Eastern Time Zone. As has been stated a number of times, geographically all of our neighboring counties are Eastern DST except to the west (and I really can't understand why LaPorte county is going on Central for the same reasons). I honestly do not view St. Joseph (or La Porte) county as a suburb of Chicago. I believe there is no doubt that Gary and Hammond are deeply tied to Chicago and understand why they wish to move to Central time. Having moved from Ohio and worked in a business with factories in Indiana – and never really knowing which time they were on – thank you for moving away from Standard time no matter what your decision towards this county.

For me personally, I have no use for a pre-5:00 am sunrise in the summer or a pre 5:00 pm sunset in the winter. I have small children who get "prime time" television viewing starting at 7:00 p.m. If moved to Central time (many shows are not appropriate at all but this is another discussion) this will keep going year round.

Thank you for taking the time to survey people's wishes.

Sincerely,

Dan Reck  
Granger, IN