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Attention Ms. Joan Petrie

Dear Madam;

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I am writing to you from Monticello, Ky. at 6:30 P.M. on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1999. Of course, it should be 7:30 P.M. which it will hopefully be at this day and time next year. I have just logged off of the D.M.S. web page after reading the latest comments on the proposed time change.

There have been 160 postings so far, including a petition from each side of the issue. Some of these posting include more than one persons' opinion. Opinions have varied as to whether the time should change or stay the same, as have the reasons people have given. Most of those in favor of the time change have taken the time to write you a well though out letter giving logical reasons for supporting the time change. These people are trying to better themselves and their community. These are the people who are in favor of economic improvement by making business more efficient. These are the people who are pursuing higher education at colleges in the Eastern time zone. These are the people who realize that if Wayne County is to improve itself, the first and most logical step is to change Wayne County to Eastern time.

Those who are opposed to the time change seem to be against it simply because it is a change. More than 70% of the comments of those opposed to the time change are form letters of one of two types. The one that has been showing up most recently consists of six typed lines followed by the signature of an individual. One part of this form letter that really bothers me is the line that states "I think there are many reasons this change should not occur," but lists none of these many reasons. At least the other form letter is a fill in the blank format where the respondent is supposed to write in the reasons they are opposed to the time change. Some of these people haven't even bothered filling in the blank.

I am hopeful that the content of the letters people write to you will have more influence than the sheer weight of numbers. This is an issue that should be decided by reason and not emotion. I sincerely believe that "It's always been this way" is an emotional response and not a reasoned one.

I expect that you have many other pressing matters that occupy your time, in addition to our situation here in Monticello. I respectfully ask you to give the time change issue here the consideration it deserves. The results of this proposal will affect this area for years to come. Please do what is in the best interest of Wayne County and recommend the time change.

Respectfully,

Edwin D. Lyons