



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

March 2, 2026

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Minority Leader Schumer:

We are writing regarding the Sunshine Protection Act of 2025 (S.29), which was introduced by Sen. Rick Scott. It is our hope that you will push for and support this bill if it comes to a vote in the Senate.

We recognize and understand that, under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, the federal government must allow states to adopt permanent daylight saving time (DST). Here in New York, many people have expressed interest in making DST the year-round standard of time. In acknowledgment of this interest and to send a message to the federal government, we have introduced legislation (S.3380) that makes DST permanent in New York. Any change in New York would be contingent upon a compact with neighboring states and federal action. We continue to communicate, collaborate and coordinate with our legislative colleagues in other states and Canadian provinces regarding this issue.

We believe that making daylight saving time permanent would be beneficial for New York and other states. Research and studies have indicated that moving clocks forward one hour in the spring and back in the fall can negatively affect the safety, health and well-being of the public. Observing daylight saving time year round can lead to energy savings and reductions in crime and traffic accidents and increased economic activity, which helps businesses and the economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand
478 Russell
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Gillibrand:

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Congresswoman Elise Stefanik
2211 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Stefanik:

We are writing regarding the Sunshine Protection Act of 2025 (H.R.139) which was introduced by Congressman Vern Buchanan. It is our hope that you will push for and support this bill if it comes to a vote in the House of Representatives.

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Congressman John Mannion
1516 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Congressman Josh Riley
128 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Riley:

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2269 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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