

To: The Plymouth Pilot
August 28, 2012

The Central Time Coalition was very excited that Plymouth's Blueberry Festival Committee voted to allow us booth space. Not only had we heard wonderful things about the festival, but it afforded us the opportunity to educate more Hoosiers on the educational and safety benefits of reuniting Indiana in its original Central Time Zone. Our contract was signed, our check was cashed, and volunteers were lined up. To our surprise and great disappointment, last week we received a call saying that the Festival Committee had taken another vote and was revoking our participation. The reason given was that they consider us a "political group". This is not, and never has been, a political issue. Republicans, Democrats, and members of all political parties have supported restoring Indiana to the Central Time.

We are left to wonder whether pressure was brought upon the Festival Committee to revoke our permit. Is this the result of confusing daylight saving time with time zone designations – which are two different issues? Who might benefit from suppressing an objective evaluation of the consequences of Indiana's split time zone situation? Our position about these consequences is clear: Eastern Time in Indiana is detrimental to students' safety and educational well-being, and its benefits to commerce have yet to be substantiated.

Information is available at www.hoosiersforcentraltime.com.

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