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I, Roger D. Branigin, Governor of the State of Indiana, hereby petition the United States Department of Transportation to modify the boundary between the Eastern Standard Time Zone and Central Standard Time Zone so as to include the entire State of Indiana in the Central Time Zone.

The passage of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 has created unique problems for the State of Indiana. The provisions of that Act do not permit an observance of the time patterns historically adhered to in this State, split as it is by a time zone.

In order to allow statewide observance of a time which is consonant with mean solar time, the convenience of commerce in and through the State, and economic ties of business enterprises, it is necessary to place the entire State in one time zone.

The eastern boundary of Indiana lies approximately nine degrees West of the longitudinal basis for the Eastern Time Zone specified in the Uniform Time Act. A further movement of the time zone boundary in a westerly direction would place

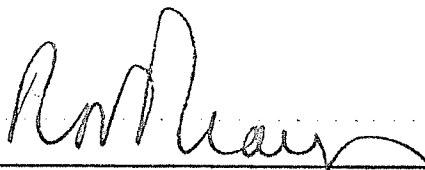
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the western part of the State far beyond mean solar time. There is every indication that observance of such a time would seriously disrupt the activities of Indiana citizens living in that area of the State. The observance of Central Time would insure normal daylight and darkness hours.

Such a modification would also enable Indiana to observe advanced time during the Summer months as provided for in the Uniform Time Act. Moreover, advanced time will also be observed by many neighboring states with which Indiana has strong economic ties.

The requested modification would enable the entire State to observe the same time, and the convenience of citizens and businesses throughout the State will be best served by statewide uniformity.

I request that the Department of Transportation initiate proceedings as soon as practicable on this petition.

  
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