

STANDARD TIME

Advocate Road Map

1. Identify your elected officials.

- a. Federal: Find Your Representative | house.gov
- b. State: State Legislature Websites | Congress.gov | Library of Congress

2. Contact Your Legislator

- a. Via email request a meeting with the legislator or their staff (often you will meet with staff first, do not be offended!)
- b. Prepare for a meeting via zoom or in the local district office.
- a. If needed, an AASM representative can join you on the meeting.

3. Prepare for Meeting

- a. Review talking points provided.
- b. Review position statements (AASM, SRS, etc.)
- c. Watch SAVE STANDARD TIME: VIDEOS
- d. Research local issue (farming, education, public safety, legislator specific issues)
- e. Know relevant bill numbers

4. Attend Meeting

- a. Be prompt.
- b. Wear professional clothes.
- c. Bring or email One pager Info Sheet.
- d. Have 2-minute standard time pitch ready.
- e. Listen and take notes.
- f. Offer to provide materials, resources, and draft bill text.

5. After Meeting and Beyond

- a. Follow up with thank you note or email.
- b. Contact local allies for support (PTA, orthodox religious groups, state medical societies, etc.)

6. Above and Beyond: Testify on Bills

- a. Depending on the state: written or oral testimony
- b. AASM can provide mock hearing prep.

7. Resources

- <u>Daylight saving time: an American Academy of Sleep Medicine position statement | Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine (aasm.org)</u>
- It is time to abolish the clock change and adopt permanent standard time in the United States: a Sleep Research Society position statement | SLEEP | Oxford Academic (oup.com)
- SAVE STANDARD TIME: VIDEOS
- Testifying Before Congress on DST | Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science (stonybrook.edu)
- <u>Take Action American Academy of Sleep Medicine Association for Sleep Clinicians and Researchers (aasm.org)</u>
- SRS advocacy page
- AMA calls for permanent standard time | American Medical Association (ama-assn.org)