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Dear Negativland:

It is with great anxiety and yet great hope that we write you this letter today. Recent events have transpired to disturb a delicate situation in the world, and we find ourselves, a people at wits end, hoping that you will help.

As you may know, it recently came to light that the Russian President Dmitry Medvedev wants to reduce the number of time zones in that country from eleven down to a much smaller number. Medvedev is quoted by *The Guardian* as saying that ‘...Russia needed to “objectively assess” whether these sprawling zones could be reduced’ (12 November 2009, *Russian president Dmitry Medvedev wants to cut 11 time zones*).

We turn to you, Negativland, because it is through you and your song, *Time Zones*, that we know of the natural order of things, that Russia had, has and should continue to have eleven time zones. We need not remind you that changing this number could throw the whole of the planet off of astronomical time, with innumerable and irreparable damage. It's not about power, politics or religion. It's about the nature of reality and everything in it.

We know that nobody is perfect. But it is our fervent hope that you, Negativland, through your obvious mastery of this issue, can effectively communicate with President Medvedev and convince him of the wrongness of the path he is considering.

We pray of you, contact President Medvedev. Talk to him. We know that with your knowledge, skill and fortitude that you can make this issue right. The whole of the planet is counting on you, and we await eagerly your response.

Thanks for the good thoughts,

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