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As a proud resident of Oregon, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of keeping the Hillsboro Hops in our beloved state. The Hillsboro Hops have become an integral part of our community, bringing joy, excitement, and a sense of unity to all who support them.

First and foremost, securing funding from the state for the Hillsboro Hops is crucial. By investing in this exceptional team, we are not only supporting a local sports franchise but also contributing to the growth and development of our state's economy. The Hillsboro Hops generate revenue, create jobs, and attract visitors from near and far, all of which have a positive impact on our local businesses and overall prosperity.

Beyond the economic benefits, the Hillsboro Hops hold a special place in the hearts of Oregonians. They represent the spirit of our state, embodying resilience, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence. Their presence fosters a sense of community pride and unity, bringing people together from all walks of life to cheer for a common cause.

Moreover, the Hillsboro Hops serve as a source of inspiration for our youth. They provide aspiring athletes with role models to look up to, teaching them the values of dedication, sportsmanship, and perseverance. By supporting the Hillsboro Hops, we are investing in the future of our state, nurturing the dreams and aspirations of our young athletes.

In summary, the Hillsboro Hops are not just a baseball team; they are an essential part of our community and the state of Oregon. By securing funding from the state, we can ensure their continued presence and the numerous benefits they bring. Let us come together, rally behind the Hillsboro Hops, and show our unwavering support for keeping them right here in Oregon. Together, we can preserve the legacy, unity, and pride they bring to our great state.