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On Behalf Of: Hillsboro Hops

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Measure: HB5201

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Subject: Support for HB 5201

Dear Capital Construction Committee Members,

My name is Andrea DePinto and I am writing this in support of HB 5201.

As a lifelong Oregon resident and baseball fan, it would be devastating to see the Hillsboro Hops Baseball Team no longer exist due to lack of funding. The Hops have created an environment where everyone is welcome no matter their financial or cultural background. As a young adult, I see the need for affordable third spaces where people can spend time together in a safe environment, especially after Covid. Not only does the Hops stadium provide affordable summer fun for the whole state of Oregon, the Hops organization also give back to the community in any way it can. From the Soñadores Latinx community appreciation games, to donating over a million dollars to local youth sports teams and scholarships to first generation college students since 2014, the Hops advocates and supports its community in more ways than not. Without this funding, the opportunity to host more sporting events outside of just the Hops games, concerts, and community celebrations would be a great loss to the state of Oregon and its residents overall. Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony in support of HB 5201.

Andrea DePinto