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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB5202

Dear Gentle People, I started working for the Hillsboro Hops in 2017. We begin each shift by reciting “To provide memorable, first-class experiences so that we can enrich the lives of our fans, staff, players and community.” I truly believe that the building of community within the greater community has and will continue to be done as long as we can keep the team in Hillsboro.

In my time working with the Hopspitality team, I have seen world travelers, seasoned baseball fans, first timers, students, teachers, and many others, all welcomed, and make connections with staff and fans. Grandparents that take the time to show me photos of their grandchildren sleeping with the plush HOPS mascot dolls. Strangers that become family!

The Hillsboro Hops show little kids what it means to work for goals. To dream big, and work to make dreams a reality. I am very proud to work for such an organization, especially when parents tell me that “this (coming to games) is their kids ‘happy place.’” Old codgers that tell stories of playing in the Little League World Series 50 years ago. Lives that are touched year after year, or for the one night that folks may be in town. Baseball is more than just entertainment, or a business, or revenue, or a game. It is connections. Memories. Hope.

Please support the Bills that will allow the funding that will allow the Hops to stay in Hillsboro.

Most Sincerely,
Melissa Weislogel-Stebe