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I have had the opportunity grow up in the Eugene Springfield metro area. The Eugene emeralds have been created for me and many others a connection to the sports world nationally beyond OSAA and NCAA. Like many other smaller population states has no connection professional sports other than the Eugene Emeralds. Over the years we have seen many advances in the University of Oregon and Oregon State University Athletics programs and facilities. Even in Eugene with the destruction of Civic Stadium, there are not many venues in town for non Kid Sport, OSAA or NCAA sporting activities. The development of a new "Multi Use" facility on vacant property at the Lane County Fair Grounds would only help to boost Sports and Event tourism to our local economy, thus leading to further the economic development of our community. I have had the opportunity to be in meetings with the Emeralds Management Staff to discuss and listen to the opportunities that are available with the development of such a facility. This would ensure that yet for our youth and community that we be able to keep and maintain not only our connection to the sport that would use it, but would also allow for future activities to happen that would benefit our diverse community in the future. I urge you to support this bill and keep the dreams and childhood memories of a young sports and activities enthusiast alive and provide those same opportunities for the up and coming generations in our community.