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Hello Co-Chair Holvey, Co-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Josh Smith, I am the HR Manager at Atkore International here in Eugene. Me and the company I work for have been partnering with the Eugene Emeralds for a long time.

The Eugene Emeralds are not only a major staple in the Eugene area, but they are also part of the family, part of many families in the area. This team provides so much for our community from reasonably priced fun and entertainment to the families of Eugene, jobs in the community, Revenue for the community, not to mention all the partnerships with so many non-profits in the area. They partner with schools and support the education of our kids. Losing them in this area

would create a big whole in the heart of our great community. We need to find a way to keep them here.

And personally, my family have enjoyed the existence of the Eugene Ems for 4 generations. My parents took me, I have taken my kids, my kids have taken their kids, and I truly hope my grandkids can take their kids etc.

I have even worked some seasons with the Em's and they are great employers.

They are truly a huge part of our community and I implore you to help keep them part of our community.

Sincerely

Josh Smith

Josh Smith and the Smith Family

