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to Sen.JaneenSollman

Dear Senator Sollman,

We have been HOPS season ticket holders for 10 years. The city of Hillsboro and a large part of the Metropolitan area has supported the team and many other activities hosted by the existing stadium and recreational complex. Given the amount of private funding already committed to the construction of a new stadium, it is critical this project be totally funded for completion.

Not only would a new stadium increase the amount of events possible, it would also allow a venue for a multitude of different events (it's not just a baseball field). It is our understanding the state has the power to release economic development funds to make this possible. As opposed to a grant it appears these funds will be paid back, which to me is refreshing, given in this day and age government money appears to be free!! If there ever was a worthwhile project that deserves bipartisan support, this would be it!

If the funding is not secured, Washington County, the city of Hillsboro will lose a lot more than a baseball team.

Thank you!

Bill and Joanna Swanson