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I have been a seasonal employee each summer with the Hillsboro Hops since 2014 working in guest services. This year will mark my 10th summer working for the Hops. What started out as a “summer job” turned into a love for baseball and each season Hillsboro comes alive with the thrill of baseball being played right in our own backyard.

We have been Hillsboro residents over 30 years and I can’t tell you how many times I get stopped throughout the year by someone who recognizes me from working at the ballgames. It’s an affordable community pastime that brings people together to enjoy an afternoon or evening of baseball. Season ticket holders and first time visitors alike, continue to be wowed by the Hillsboro field; its clean, first class stadium is inviting and buzzing with activities and fun for all ages. Particularly noteworthy is the funding and donations the Hops continue to provide for youth to play sports in our community.

This “job” is more like having a friends over in your home. The unbelievable sunsets, watching up and coming players fulfill their dreams of becoming professional ball players, entertaining families and groups for an enjoyable time. As a farm team of the Arizona Diamondbacks, we were thrilled to watch 12 former Hillsboro Hops players play in the World Series in 2023, knowing they got their start here.

If the Hops were to leave Hillsboro, it would be a huge loss both financially for the community. For me personally, not having the thrill of attending the games and working for this organization would be extremely disappointing. I hope the State of Oregon will decide to provide financial support for the Hillsboro Hops to continue their program of training young ball players to fulfill their dreams of becoming professional.

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