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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB110

Senator Meek, Senator McLane, and Members of the Committee,

My name is George Montejano, and I am a working class tax-paying resident of Portland. I am writing today in strong support of SB 110, which seeks to raise the cop on the jock tax to \$800 million to help fund a Major League Baseball stadium in Portland. As a lifelong sports fan and proud Oregonian, I believe this amendment to the bill presents a unique opportunity to bring economic growth, community development, and civic pride to our city.

Major League Baseball in Portland is not just about sports-it's about jobs, revenue, and long-term investment in our region. Cities with professional sports teams consistently see economic benefits from increased tourism, job creation, and local business stimulation. The jock tax is a fair and reasonable mechanism to help fund the stadium, as it ensures that the visiting professional athletes contribute a portion of their earnings to Oregon, rather than placing the financial burden on everyday taxpayers.

Portland has long been a thriving sports city, as evidence by the success of the Pickles, Timbers, and Thorns. The addition of an MLB team would further cement our reputation as a major sports hub and provide year-round entertainment for residents and visitors alike. With baseball's deep cultural roots in Oregon, this initiative is a natural fit for our state.

By passing the amendment to SB 110, the legislature has a chance to support a fiscally responsible and forward-thinking plan that will benefit Oregonians for generations to come. I urge you vote YES on this amendment to SB 110 and help make Major League Baseball in Portland a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
George Montejano