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Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB110

Oppose SB110 and the Portland Baseball; they are selling the state a Bill of Goods. Currently the state has much better options for effectively and actually supporting the citizens of and across Oregon much more effectively than feeding moneys to wealthy investors. Look at the writing on the wall - how many leave a contracted town for elsewhere when a reliable fan base or consistent high earnings are not present? Who owns the team and where are the guarantees - they don't exist. Boondoggle lip-service is what this amounts to with a longer term pay back than can be supported by this state. Get out of the sports business and let the private investors carry the load if they think the money is there. They obviously don't or they would not need state and city funding - the city has bigger issues than baseball to deal with and sending money down this sports pit will not get the city out of the hole it currently exists in.

Oppose involvement with professional baseball in Oregon and use the \$800 million for a better investment.