



MAYOR KEITH WILSON

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House Committee on Revenue
900 Court St NE, HR A
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Walters and Reschke, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland, I am writing to support Senate Bill 110.

As a young man newly moved from Oregon to New York City, I met some of my closest friends watching a baseball game at the local sports bar. A shared interest gave me a pathway to build community that still surrounds me to this day. Just recently, I had the chance to attend a Dodgers game with my adult daughter. For three hours, we connected, talked, and enjoyed being together. For me, bringing Major League Baseball to Portland is about so much more than just the sport or its economic development prospects, it is about the opportunity for the experiences and memories baseball creates and the unique way it can bring people together.

There is no question that Portland needs a project of this magnitude to help continue the economic recovery, shift the narrative, and reinvigorate our community and state. A MLB team will be a central part of our renaissance, which is already taking shape through major redevelopment projects like the transformation of the 14-acre Broadway Corridor site, the build out of the OMSI district, and efforts to reconnect and rebuild the Albina neighborhood, as well as projects like the James Beard Public Market, which will showcase the bounty our entire state has to offer. These catalytic projects will bring thousands of new housing units and create broad economic, social, and community development opportunities. A professional baseball team will amplify this momentum, energizing Portlanders and Oregonians alike.

But baseball isn't just good for Portland, it will be good for all of Oregon. For these reasons and more, my administration has been working with the Portland Diamond Project to prepare Zidell Yards and to make the case for bringing MLB to Oregon.

With bold vision and a united front, we have a real chance to bring baseball to Oregon. We need the partnership of the State to make it happen. Please stand with us in bringing MLB to Oregon. Please support SB 110.

Sincerely,



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