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On Behalf Of: Hillsboro Hops

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Hillsboro Hops organization. As a resident of Hillsboro and as a parent of an active baseball player in the Hillsboro area, I am writing in support of the state legislature directing funds to support the Hillsboro Hops stadium project. The Hops organization has been part of our community and is supportive of our youth sports teams all around the state of Oregon. Our organization alone has benefitted from the Hops Grant, which has allowed us to upgrade our fields, maintain current infrastructure (without needing to request from the school district) as well as providing clean, beautiful spaces for our players to develop their baseball skills. So many local teams benefit from our fields, as well as many others from around the State, as it allows us to host various State district championships/ tournaments that benefit all players.

Not only do the Hops support local baseball, softball and other youth sports, but they also provide entertainment for our local community as well as community outreach. I can't tell you the excitement I have seen during school drop off, when Barley is seen at the front door, high fiving the kids and giving hugs at our school. The kids recognize Barley, as he is a part of our community, from visiting schools, to local events such as Proud to be HSD festival as well as dancing and leading the crowds to cheering on our Hops. Going to a Hops game is as wholesome as it can get, seeing your neighbors and coworkers, and meeting new faces. It helps bring back the sense of community to our neighborhood.

The Hops have become a fixture in the city of Hillsboro and losing them would be a huge loss for our state. They provide jobs and have become a tourist destination as well as affordable entertainment for our entire state. We love the Hops and need them in our community. Please help them by keeping them in the state and assisting in funding this project.

Thank you,
Ami Morris