

Submitter: Erica Milkovich

On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB5201

Re: Lane County Multi-Use Public Facility

Dear Legislature,

I have been an Oregon/Eugene resident since 2002 (for the most of my adult life) and the Eugene Emeralds are a huge part of what Eugene and being an Oregonian means to me. We started going to games at Civic when our youngest child was just a baby and have continued the tradition with our youngest who is now an avid Babe Ruth baseball player and Emeralds team supporter.

Sunday Monarcas games are built into our summer lives and the games on (or around) the 4th of July with fireworks are a family tradition that we hope our children will be able to build on as they grow and build families of their own. The Emeralds focus on equity and inclusion for all Oregonians is commendable and should be recognized.

Our entire family is so excited by the prospect of having an Emerald home base at the Lane County Fairgrounds. This central location is important to ALL of Eugene and will bring so much more to our city than just the Ems. As a 20+ year resident, I've seen Springfield take great advantage of opportunities to maintain and grow their community; sadly, I have not always seen the same foresight from leaders in Eugene.

Creating a permanent home for the Emeralds can do something amazing: it can preserve the history of Eugene, it can maintain the traditions of our city, AND it can do so by creating a future – not many things can both preserve and create, but this stadium can.

Please move forward with all necessary approvals for building a facility for the Eugene Emeralds (and so much more!) at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

Thank you for your time. I would like this message to become public record.

Sincerely,
Erica A. Milkovich