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Metro is the elected regional government that serves nearly 1.7 million people in the 24 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area. We provide a broad range of public services that includes land use and transportation planning, solid waste and recycling operations, management of parks and natural areas, housing and homeless services, and operation of major visitor facilities.

Metro supports the -1 amendment to SB 110. Metro understands first-hand how tourism is fundamental to the strength of Oregon's economy through Metro's ownership of the Oregon Zoo, the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center, and management of Portland's Centers for the Arts. Our regional sports teams also contribute to tourism, and sports in general, build community, bolster our economy and make our state a more rewarding place to live, work and play. A Major League Baseball team in Portland will strengthen our economy and enhance our region to be enjoyed by the community.

The update to the baseball tax to fund the construction of a new stadium keeps Portland competitive in attracting an expansion MLB team. The targeted baseball tax also ensures tax dollars of Oregonians are not financing the construction of a new stadium. Once obligations are fulfilled, the state will benefit from the additional income tax from players and staff of the team. Additionally, the proposed site for a new stadium is transit friendly and near future developments of housing and jobs.

We urge your support for SB 110 and the -1 amendment to bring MLB baseball to Portland.