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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB110

To the Committee:

SB 110 is a terrible bill. It proposes to use \$800 million in public money (including income taxes diverted to this project) in order to construct a privately-owned, Portland baseball stadium. This should raise many red flags. Using Oregon taxpayers' money to build a private stadium that mainly benefits Portlanders is obscenely unethical and immoral. But that is par for the course in Oregon: "Portland Gets Everything." (PGE) The rest of Oregon is constantly expected to subsidize the pet projects of one of America's most run-down and poorly managed cities. Portland needs a baseball stadium like it needs a hole in the head. The city's population is rapidly declining, while baseball's popularity is waning. There is little to no chance this stadium would pay for itself. You might as well ask taxpayers to fund a casino on the Titanic. It's a no-go.

Please drive a stake into the heart of this awful bill.

Sincerely,

William Burt