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Please reject SB 1501.

Sports entertainment is not a core function of government. State involvement diverts public resources (tax dollars, bonding capacity, and staff time) from essential priorities like safe roads and bridges, public safety, and emergency services that all Oregonians rely on.

Oregon does not have a revenue problem; it has a spending and prioritization problem. Last year, lawmakers passed SB 110 authorizing up to \$800 million in state bonds to support a Major League Baseball stadium in Portland's. SB 1501 continues this pattern of asking taxpayers to subsidize private risk while congestion worsens, crime rises, and basic infrastructure continues to deteriorate.

Government should focus on essentials that serve everyone, not subsidize entertainment for a few.