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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in opposition to this measure. I thought we had the perfect arrangement when Paul Allen owned the Trailblazers. The arena was privately held so no tax dollars were needed to support it and we got the financial benefits of the arena to the community - as well as an arena that is more than a home for a single sports team. Now the arena is a public burden, plus it sounds like it is headed to a basketball only arena. Please reject this arrangement. Since they are the ones who took ownership, the City of Portland needs to come up with a better plan.