

I am opposed to the legislation proposed in House Bill #1132, which would enable the State to provide funds to the construction of the Hartford Minor League Baseball stadium to house the Hartford Yard Goats. The General Assembly previously promised that no State funds - tax revenue - would be used for this purpose. A promise made must be a promise kept. To do otherwise would mean that a promise made is meaningless and would also be a contribution of State tax revenue to support a private, commercial enterprise. The State should not set this kind of precedent.

These same State funds should be used for the social programs in the State budget that are being cut ; e.g., funding to local libraries, financial support for behavioral health care and research.

I strongly urge that this bill not be sent to the Assembly.

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