

Dear members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen in regards to this proposed bill.

The bill, as proposed, would use taxpayer funds to help a minor league baseball team leave a perfectly good stadium in our state and build a new stadium within another municipality in our state. I see this as cannibalizing our own towns. To use taxpayer money to help a team leave one of our towns and move to another town adds nothing to the quality of life in Connecticut.

If this bill was providing to help a team come from out of our state, I might support it. However, to have taxpayers pay a penny to build a stadium for a team already in Connecticut is ludicrous.

In minor league baseball, having 5,000 people attend a game is considered a good crowd. What will be the return on the taxpayer investment?

Our present economic conditions need very prudent spending practices. Anyone who runs a household knows that if you spend more than you have, it is a very bad situation that only leads to more issues. As I have seen it reported, our wonderful state is forecasting budget deficits for the future. To compound deficits with funding for a minor league complex, when we already have one in New Britain is foolish.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with any member of our legislature about this topic. I can be reached at 860-402-3070 or at my email address.

Sincerely, Jeffrey J. Bajek