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Connecticut General Assembly  
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Co-Chairman, ranking Members, Senators and Representatives:

I am providing testimony today in opposition to raised Senate Bill 1132 An Act Concerning the Admissions Tax.

I am appalled to learn that the State of Connecticut will be contributing tax dollars to the new baseball stadium being built in Hartford if this bill is passed.

First, when discussions were first raised regarding the building of this stadium, the Governor told us that no tax dollars would go to the funding of this stadium. Based upon this statement, I supported the Rock Cats move to the new Hartford venue. But now it seems that our lawmakers are once again lying to us in order to get what they want and not serving the best interest of our State residents. Businesses have been closing or leaving our State in droves because they can no longer afford the taxes, wages and other unfunded mandates put forth by our lawmakers and now when we are running a deficit in the tens of millions of dollars, we are looking to needlessly spend tax dollars on recreation.

Second, it further appalls me that the legislature can find tax dollars to contribute to building a sports stadium that truly was not needed yet they are will to take money away from the elderly and low income in the form of Medicaid cuts to healthcare reimbursement and other health and human services programs. It is difficult for me to see the value-added benefit in these decisions. Our elderly survive almost exclusively on social security and welfare programs and the wisdom of our lawmakers is to cut that further.

I submit this testimony today as a resident of the State of Connecticut who is completely dissatisfied with the leadership of our State government. Ladies and gentlemen I implore that you do the right thing and carry out your responsibilities in the best interest of the residents of the State of Connecticut and not in the interest of big business.

I strongly request that you vote no on this bill and fund those programs and will better help the residents of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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