

I firmly oppose the use of taxpayer funds to be used in any way, shape, or form for anything to do with the Hartford baseball stadium.

With the state of Connecticut already being one of the most highly taxed states in the country, the use of taxpayer funds for such a frivolous item is just plain wrong. The state of Connecticut already has deficit problems and does not need to add to the problem.

Instead of this project which benefits only a very highly limited segment of the population, Connecticut should be focused on making our state more business-friendly! When residents have good paying jobs from companies that bring in out-of-state dollars, then other businesses will follow in order to provide places for those same people to use their dollars. We need businesses that bring in the outside dollars, not more businesses that just re-shuffle the dollars. Entertainment businesses will come on their own when there is a population base with money to burn.

Why are we even considering such a thing when there is talk of decreased support for the towns in order to balance the state budget. Cutting aide to the towns will only result in increased property taxes for town residents.

The state of Connecticut has a bloated state government. The size of our government (on a per capita basis) far exceeds that of many other states. We should be looking at drastic reductions both in numbers or personnel as well as the pay scale for those in both government and the university system.

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