

Dear Committee,

Just about 4 years ago we (the state of Connecticut) struggled to put together a budget to resolve the state's debt. It cost the citizens of this state in excess of \$1.6 million and the state was to negotiate with SEBAC to get another \$1.6 million in "give backs". To this date, 4 years later, I cannot obtain how much the state was able to negotiate in "give backs", and that includes a question directed to one of the union negotiators. Until that question is answered, I appeal to our lawmakers to stop coming up with ideas on how to spend our valuable budget dollars and start coming with creative ways to cut spending and cut taxes.

Now, it is my understanding that the lawmakers are considering funding for the new Hartford stadium. That is hilarious! Ever since the announcement was made to move the minor league team from New Britain to Hartford, I've been wondering when the idea of having the state contribute to this project would be forthcoming even though our governor has repeatedly stated that he would not endorse such a plan. In the first place I do not really see the gain in moving the team from New Britain to Hartford as there would be no direct gain in permanent employment. The part time jobs and possibly a very few full time jobs would simply transfer from one community to the next. For this reason alone, I sincerely ask the people's representatives to table this idea permanently.

Sincerely,
Ronald Carson