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I would like to express my opposition to Bill 452, to use tax payer dollars to cover the over costs of the Yard Goats stadium. At the beginning of this project, citizens were told that no tax monies would be used to fund any portion of the costs. I had my doubts about this at the beginning. Now that the project cost has gone well over what was originally projected, because of incompetent management and poor planning, there seems to be a mindset that the tax payers should pick up part of the tab. This is nonsense, and as I recall, there was no input from the public on this project. Even the Mayor of New Britain didn't know anything about it even though they were loosing the team to Hartford. The State has a huge deficit already and we suddenly have money to fund these over costs ??! We are all aware of this deficit, as well as the disasterous results caused by it. It is being reported in the press that the Gov is calling for painful financial cuts that will have a serious negative impact on numerous services that will affect some of Connecticut's most needy and vulnerable citizens, such as people with disabilities, but they want to use our money for a baseball stadium. Sounds like someone has their priorities screwed up a little bit. In addition to financial cuts, we are also told that employee layoffs are to be expected, which will further impede services on top of the damage that the financial cuts will do. The idea of funding a baseball team, a private venture, with taxpayer money while state services to those same taxpayers are being cut because we're already broke , is repulsive and shows any sense of caring towards the taxpayers. This also shows that the promises of no taxpayer money was a lot of hot air in this case, and demonstrates to taxpayers that promises and claims from Gov. Malloy's office cannot be trusted and serves to weaken any validation of future claims made by him. In conclusion, tell Hartford to come up with a solution that does not involve taxpayer money.

Thank You,