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SB1 testimony in opposition, 6.7.2023 - Battle Born Progress

Good evening chairwoman and members of the committee including Senator Cole. For the record, my name is Annette Magnus and I am the Executive Director of Battle Born Progress here today in opposition to SB1. We have been very consistent on this issue over the years - and by the way, I am a born and raised Las Vegas and we have mobilized our 22k+ subscribers who live in Nevada against this bill.

I have joked as I come to the end of my time with BBP that this has been like the Era's tour of all of the worst ideas I have seen in this building. But this specific walk down memory lane might just be the worst for me. I was standing right in this exact spot in 2016 when Allegiant Stadium was rammed through in a very similar fashion during a special session. Somehow though, reading this bill we have managed to bring forward an even worse deal than the last one and now we have wasted taxpayer money twice in a week with two special sessions. This deal will leave the taxpayers on the hook because as you heard there is no new revenue to back these bonds - I don't care how anyone tries to spin this.

The A's are a failure of a team and should not be given our tax dollars when their owner is a billionaire and doesn't need this cash. Just look at the deal the same owner went back on with the Quakes and the stadium that the public built them - they are still last in their league and have not invested in that team as promised even with the new stadium.

We've been here before - I have seen this my entire life in this state. We went through this with the Allegiant Stadium, and I hate to break it to you but the raiders are still a losing team and their record has gotten WORSE since they moved to Vegas and still make UNLV pay to use it which is a joke. This bill is just another example of that and like I said in 2016 - if this team wants a stadium their billionaire owner can build it with his own money.

I also would like to know why the A's management is hiding in the gallery today and not down here fully answering to why they deserve our tax money. Especially after that same management has previously been quoted ripping public funding for stadiums in the past.

I could go on and on about all the studies I have researched since the last stadium was passed that stadiums are bad economics - just a note the Indy did a whole story on it this week. The conversations I have had with elected officials in Oakland and all of the shady things this team has done to them and their fans leading up to this moment in their community. So much of this bill is troubling - not to mention the books being closed to the public yet we are being told we own it and don't even get me started on the transportation issues that the county will also be on the hook for.

My dad always taught me if something seems too good to be true it probably is. This bill is like putting lipstick on a pig of a bad deal and a bad baseball team, and this owner should not be trusted. I don't care what you add to this bill it will NOT get us to be quiet about how risky this bill is to our state and for the people of Clark County.

I will end by saying I am an avid sports fan. I grew up watching baseball with my dad. On Saturday I was at the first Stanley Cup game that the Knights won. Not only are they an actual winning team but they also somehow manage to play in a privately funded facility. Imagine that.

I continue to urge you to vote no for this scam. Thank you.

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