

Hello Senate Committee, My name is Tom Schroeder.

I appreciate your valuable time, and the "extra innings" so to say you're all committing to the special session.

I just wanted to voice my opposition against SB1 as I do not believe it is the right deal for the citizens of Nevada.

I know you all want to be done and go home and be with your families and take a much-needed vacation so I'll try and keep this short and just list my bullet points I wanted to talk about but missed the cut for opposition calls.

- 1) This bill feels very rushed and pushy to get done like the Athletics want you all to overlook details of it.
- 2) The unions are in heavy support of the project, of course they are, they want jobs for their members, but there will be jobs for their members also when Bally's decides to demolish and rebuild at the current Tropicana site without a ballpark and be able to make their state-of-the-art resort even larger.
- 3) The A's plan to build on 9 acres on the Tropicana site a 30,000 seat stadium with a retractable roof. The smallest retractable roof stadium in the MLB belongs to the Milwaukee brewers with is on just over 12 acres. I question who the A's engineer is on this as the renderings they've proposed are not accurate. Is it even possible to build a 30,000 seat retractable roof stadium on 9 acres?
- 4) the average of 27,000 fans per game of attendance seems extremely optimistic, most teams that have larger capacity will often draw attendances in the 10,000-15,000 range but have the capacity to be able to host 47,000 to make up the difference on their low attendance games. This proposal does not provide any wiggle room on their estimation and seems like a best case scenario rather than a typical scenario.
- 5) As you've all heard, there are plenty of other urgent needs that this 380 million could be used for. Homelessness, Education system, Health and mental care to name a few.
- 6) If this is such a sure bet, why do the A's need any money at all from Nevada?
- 7) I hear Allegiant stadium brought up multiple times and its success story with the Raiders. The Raiders have 8-9 home games a season vs the 81 of the A's. The season is much more diluted and lowers demand of attendance. This while attendance overall is down across all of MLB. Also, the Raiders are a global brand, I don't think the A's name carries the same weight.
- 9) There are a lot of great venues in Las Vegas. The previously mentioned Allegiant stadium, T-Mobile arena, Thomas and Mack center, the under construction MSG Sphere, The Mandalay bay events center. What is it that's going to make events pick this ballpark over these other venues which offer either a size increase, or more intimacy. (also not sure why they suggest the XFL play games there vs Allegiant which is an actual football field.
- 10) Public feedback. Both bills public polling on the NELIS webpage for SB509 and now SB1 are polling massively in opposition. Local news stations and Las Vegas entertainment twitter pages have offered polls also suggesting the general public is against the stadium deal and or the A's coming to Las Vegas.

To wrap this up, I would like to say I would love to see a MLB franchise in Las Vegas, preferably not on the strip (Where Mr. Hill thinks it is within walking distance for LV locals) MLB has stated once the A's and Tampa Bay situations are resolved they would like to look into two expansion teams and I think Las Vegas would be a great place for one of those home grown expansions like the Golden Knights.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns and reasons for opposition.

Thank you,  
Tom Schroeder