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Rep. Rodriguez Praises Bipartisan Compromise on Brewers Stadium Deal

MADISON – Rep. Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) voted today for a package of bills that will provide for much-needed repairs to American Family Field and keep the Brewers in Milwaukee through 2050.

“American Family Field is owned largely by the State of Wisconsin,” began Rodriguez. “We currently lease the stadium to the Milwaukee Brewers, with the current lease set to expire in 2030. As of right now, the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District does not have the funds necessary to meet its current lease obligations to maintain the facility through the term of the lease.”

The bill package consists of 2023 Assembly Bill 438 ([AB 438](#)), which reorganizes the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District board and requires the lease be extended through 2050, and 2023 Assembly Bill 439 ([AB 439](#)), which provides the funding for the package.

“The baseball stadium is over 20 years old, so it’s in need of renovations. This package will ensure the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District has the funding to complete necessary maintenance, rehabilitation, and upkeep *through 2050*,” continued Rep. Rodriguez. “It also provides one-time funding to winterize the stadium, which will allow the stadium to hold other events and stimulate our economy year-round.”

“[The amendments to the proposal](#) truly makes this a home run for Wisconsin. Under the original proposal, Milwaukee County would have seen a net loss. However, as amended, this proposal will provide Milwaukee County with a net *increase* in revenues. The package as amended has buy-in from the locals, the state, and the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club themselves, which is a real home run,” concluded Rodriguez.

Both bills passed on the Assembly Floor with broad bipartisan support. They will now go to the State Senate for consideration. Gov. Tony Evers has signaled his support for the package.

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