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Rep. Jerry O'Connor Statement on Brewers Funding Proposal

MADISON... State Representative Jerry O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac) issued the following statement concerning the Brewers Funding Proposal, which will extend the Brewers lease in Milwaukee until 2050:

“I have added my name as a co-sponsor for the bill introduced yesterday that will keep the Brewers professional baseball team in Milwaukee and Wisconsin because key stakeholders worked hard and wisely to find a way to keep our professional baseball team without asking taxpayers for the money to fund the proposal.

Loss of the state's only tenant in American Family Field would literally result in billions of dollars in lost revenue. It would then require your taxpayer dollars to maintain an empty facility and all but guarantee that Milwaukee and Wisconsin will never again be the home of a Major League Baseball team.

If there is no team, there will be virtually no form of tax revenue generated from all the activities at AmFam field. This is where we identified the funding solution.

The funding mechanism as laid out in the bill will provide for the upkeep and improvements to American Family Field directly from, only, the income taxes generated by those who work at the stadium. Unless you work at the stadium or play on the baseball diamond, your tax dollars are not going will not be used for any of these improvements.

I know there are times where you have to spend money now to make your enterprise fiscally sustainable for the long term. Wisconsin is projected to actually take in \$232.1 million more in income tax revenue than we will provide the Brewers for maintenance over the 26-year term of the new lease agreement.

The bottom line is clear. Wisconsin will benefit more from keeping the Brewers here than by letting the team go elsewhere. For Milwaukee and the State, let's play ball!”

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