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Mr. Rob Manfred
Commissioner
Major League Baseball
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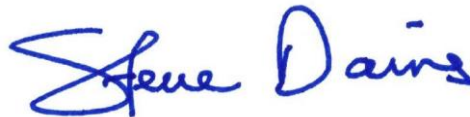
Dear Commissioner Manfred and President O'Connor:

I am writing to you concerning ongoing negotiations taking place between Major League Baseball (MLB) and Minor League Baseball (MiLB), as well as the state of professional baseball in Montana. I urge you to take action and reach an agreement to preserve Montana's three clubs in Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula. I also request that you provide MLB clubs the option of having up to five MiLB affiliates if they so choose.

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 MiLB season. This has caused significant uncertainty, both economic and otherwise on clubs and communities across the country, including Montana's three MiLB organizations who have gone for an extended period of time with zero revenue from minor league baseball games. Allowing for MLB clubs to have an optional fifth affiliate could increase the capacity for MLB teams to develop talent while providing MiLB organizations more opportunities to continue being an economic driver in their communities and provide Montana families with an affordable way to witness future baseball stars.

Montana has a rich tradition of professional baseball for over 70 years and I strongly urge MLB and MiLB to continue supporting professional baseball in Montana and across the United States. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator