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Representative Blair

Cosponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, D.

A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge Major League Baseball not to terminate its player 1
development contract with the Mahoning Valley 2
Scrappers Minor League Baseball Team. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The Mahoning Valley Scrappers are a Minor League 4
Baseball (MiLB) team based in Niles, Ohio, a city in the 5
Mahoning Valley; and 6

WHEREAS, The Scrappers, which played its inaugural season 7
in 1999, play in the Pinckney Division of the short-season A 8
classification New York-Penn League and are affiliated with the 9
Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball (MLB) Club; and 10

WHEREAS, The Scrappers are listed among the 25% of MiLB 11
teams that may lose their player development contracts with MLB; 12

WHEREAS, The Scrappers' facility, Eastwood Field, recently 13
replaced its playing surface and built an addition to the 14
clubhouse with a weight room and area for the players; and 15

WHEREAS, The Scrappers currently meet all MLB facility 16
standards; and 17

WHEREAS, The Scrappers have been a pillar of the Mahoning 18

Valley community for over twenty years and provide an 19
accessible, affordable, and fun way for families to spend time 20
together; and 21

WHEREAS, The Scrappers allow the Mahoning Valley community 22
the opportunity to see future MLB stars up close and help 23
establish a fan base for those stars in MLB; and 24

WHEREAS, Alumni of the Scrappers include notable MLB 25
players such as Shane Bieber, Francisco Lindor, Jose Ramirez, 26
Victor Martinez, and CC Sabathia; and 27

WHEREAS, MiLB teams such as the Scrappers help increase and 28
support the popularity of baseball, the national past time of 29
the United States of America; now therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 31
Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge Major League 32
Baseball not to terminate its player development contract with 33
the Mahoning Valley Scrappers; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 35
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 36
Commissioner of Major League Baseball, to Ohio's congressional 37
delegation, and to the news media of Ohio. 38