
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 646 Session of 2019

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MILLARD AND ROEBUCK, DECEMBER 18, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, DECEMBER 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Major League Baseball to revise its plan to eliminate
2 affiliation with three Minor League Baseball teams in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth enjoy all levels of
5 baseball, from tee ball to the major leagues; and

6 WHEREAS, Minor League Baseball teams provide affordable
7 family entertainment for all ages and offer fans a chance to see
8 up and coming stars on their way to Major League Baseball or the
9 chance to see a recovering major league player; and

10 WHEREAS, Sadly, Major League Baseball is currently
11 considering eliminating its affiliation with 42 minor league
12 teams, three of which are located in Pennsylvania: the Erie
13 SeaWolves, the State College Spikes and the Williamsport
14 Crosscutters; and

15 WHEREAS, These teams are major economic drivers to
16 communities in this Commonwealth, providing jobs and tax revenue
17 while benefiting local business from the flow of people shopping

1 while attending games; and

2 WHEREAS, The loss of these three teams will be heavily felt
3 by their communities, not only economically, but through the
4 loss of affordable family fun and untold memories while
5 attending games; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Major League Baseball to
8 strongly reconsider eliminating its affiliation with the Erie
9 SeaWolves, the State College Spikes and the Williamsport
10 Crosscutters in order to consider the economic and social
11 impacts on the communities these teams call home; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Rob
14 Manfred, Commissioner of Baseball for Major League Baseball.