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Name Marc Morisseau**Email** mdm.morisseau1@verizon.net**Address (optional)** 148 Norwood Avenue, Warwick, RI, 02888**Affiliation (optional)** None**Comment** My thoughts on financing for a new PawSox Stadium:

1. Government should not be involved in funding private enterprise. If I wanted to start a business, I'd have to go to a bank, borrow from friends, put my home up as collateral, etc. The PawSox owners should provide their own funding. The risk should be theirs, not ours.

2. As a taxpayer, I would be happy to support a bond to pay for the infrastructure; the roads, signs, and ramps leading to the stadium. I would also support moving rail lines so patrons of the Pawsox can catch a train to the event, then return home by rail, ala Patriots Place.

3. The recent announcement of price increases by the Boston Red Sox is one more sign that baseball just isn't as popular as it used to be. Keep that in mind when voting on this project.

Thank you for your time.

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Comment This financing proposal which started at 38 million and now has soared to 71 million will have a significant impact on the taxpayers in Pawtucket for 30 years and as such the people who pay this bills in pawtucket must be allowed to vote on this expenditure.

Last year Pawtucket taxpayers were allowed to vote on the spending of 5 million dollars to repair the city hall tower. It makes zero sense to now deny voters their right to approve or disapprove the spending of up to 71 million dollars for this project.

Any decision issued by the Senate must have as a component the requirement that Pawtucket taxpayers shall be allowed to vote on the issuance of a 71 million dollar bond for this stadium proposal.

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Comment Folks in South Central Mass love going to see the Paw Sox in near by Pawtucket 30 to 50 min ride depending on whwere you live. The Southbridge Ma Credit Union has their annual staff outing in the Red Tent every summer and the Sturbridge Rotary Club has a summer fund raising trip also...In addition the Charlton Little League kids attend the Kids Clinics...all in all It is much easier and a lot less expensive to see the Paw Sox than to try to go to Fenway...that is if you could get and/or afford the tickets...You benefit from our visits as we spend money and you derive the taxes,,which of course are unincumbered...you do nothing to get them...no kids in school etc...as an Assessor I love unincumbered tax dollars so should you...thanks and don't let this GOLDEN \$\$\$\$ opportunity pass you by...

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Comment I support the PawSox stadium. While state officials need to avoid making the mistakes of the past, investment in growth and job creation and preservation is essential. Don't let RI lose out.

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**STATEMENT BY FORMER PAWTUCKET CITY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT HENRY S. KINCH, Jr.**

I want thank and the Senate and House leadership for finally giving the people of Pawtucket an opportunity to have our voices heard.

. Let me first say:

The PawSox are loved, and rightly so. We all want them to stay! That is undisputed! The question is at what price and what risk?

To the men and woman of Rhode Island's labor community, my family's roots run deep with labor in our state. I understand your thirst for good paying jobs and why you are here tonight to champion this proposal. You have my respect for the work you do every day.

To Mike Tamburro, my affection and respect for you remains as high today as it was when we first met in 1977. I know that neither of us will forget those early days at McCoy. In many ways a lot of us came of age at that landmark.

Speaking of those early days at McCoy, Ben Mondor's name has been invoked a lot since 2015. I knew him for over 30 years. I'm not claiming to be a confidante or even a close friend, but I did have the opportunity to be around him in private situations that few people did.

Ben's good heart was well known. He showed acts of kindness to my family and many others that, if he were here tonight, would embarrass him if told. But, I'll tell you one thing. I never saw him wear his giving spirit on his sleeve or try to put himself in the spotlight, or use his generosity to score PR points. Things do change, I guess, and for sure, this is a new ballgame with this new ownership.

Let me tell you one other thing about my time with Ben. I heard him say many times that baseball is a business and that's how this bill should be viewed; as a BUSINESS proposal.

The fact is, putting aside the ongoing PR campaign designed by a bunch of outside hired guns, all the doomsday scenarios, the teams threats to move if it doesn't get what it wants, and all the other outside noise that has surrounded this proposal; this is about MONEY; Dollar Bills; one hundred and fifty eight million of them (\$158 million)!

Committee Members, I'm a life-long resident of this old, struggling, but still great city, and I'm here tonight to talk about the legislation that is before you.

These hearings should not be a cheerleading exercise or a competition where the winner gets an "I Love the PawSox the Most "plaque.

Nor do the people of Pawtucket need the outside PR gurus to tell us the type of community partner the team has been. We all know it! I was honored to have seen it up close as a fan, a city councilman representing the district where McCoy is located, and a friend.

Opposing the structure of this bill does not translate into being Anti-Pawsox (Like some would have you believe). Additionally, it does not mean the positive effects a project of this magnitude may have on our downtown are lost.

Nor does it ignore the commitment and time spent by all parties, including our mayor. I commend him for his fighting spirit and advocacy.

The risks in this bill scare me and are obvious. My fear is that this bill exposes the taxpayers of Pawtucket to potentially millions of dollars in costs that are not funded in this legislation.

Scarier still is that policy makers are willing to cast them aside, as if they will somehow take care of themselves.

Simply put, the proponents and supporters of this bill are asking the taxpayers of Pawtucket to believe that \$10 million is enough to cover: Apex acquisition costs, business replacement costs, environmental clean-up costs, all “related infrastructure” costs, and the costs associated with an Eminent Domain court case, which will most certainly happen. Why do I say this? The legislation says so!

Specifically, the bill makes the City of Pawtucket responsible for the land and infrastructure costs. Hence, any shortfalls will fall on our shoulders.

We, the taxpayers, don't have it!

Ladies and Gentlemen, one does not need an advanced degree in mathematics to see the obvious; the bond numbers for the City of Pawtucket don't add up.

Let's review some facts:

- 1. The City of Pawtucket is the ONLY partner in this proposal that pays for "Land Costs" and development "Related Infrastructure" costs (Not the team and not the state).**

BTW, it is not even a serious consideration that no new highway exits or entrances will need to be built, as the City says. There is no direct access to Apex site coming south is just one example.

****Legislation Page 3, 24-32**

2. There is no definite plan on how to exactly acquire the Apex site, which means the cost to do so, is unknown. How do you pass a bill knowing that fact? The mayor says he's "hopeful" that Eminent Domain can be avoided. That is extremely unlikely, and furthermore, we can't rely on Hope for a deal of this size.

****ProJo 8/20/17**

3. Pawtucket has no definite plan to pay its share of the bonds, especially in the first 5 years. The mayor admits that his financial advisers are examining how the "city would cover its \$15 million."

****ProJo 8/20/17**

The mayor's PR coordinator fully admitted at the first hearing, and I don't think I'm taking him out of context, that the city is looking at "options" and Pawtucket may need to find "other ways to skin the cat." Seriously?

****ProJo 9/14/17**

Bottom line, members of the committee: They don't know how they will pay down the bonds, certainly short term. That is an unacceptable and dangerous risk to the people of Pawtucket. Once again, we don't have the money to make up any shortfalls!

4. The legislation relies on “donations” as a pay down mechanism.

****Legislation Page 4, Line 2**

From who? What kind? How? Does the mayor need an ethics opinion before he solicits one penny from local businesses? He very well may.

I showed this bill to a couple of friends that work in the municipal finance, and frankly, they laughed when they came upon the “donations” line.

BTW, do we know how such an unstable and undefined revenue as, “donations”; will impact the rate when the bonds go to market? The rate is capped at 5% in the bill. Will it go up? If it does, so do the payments.

Also, it makes the constant assertion by supporters that nobody will pay a penny if they don't go to a game blatantly untrue. I'd call it a JOKE, but this is much too serious of an issue to laugh about.

Actually, it borders on intentionally misleading the public because officials know it's false!

The fact that Pawtucket lacks a definitive and solid pay back plan at this late stage is reason enough to send everyone back to the drawing board.

5. Several media outlets have reported that the Apex site has a \$ 6.4 million contamination problem. I don't recall it being a part of the fancy power point presentation at the first hearing. All parties are aware of it, but won't speak publicly about it. Why? What's the timeline on clean-up? Is there an environmental risk? Is it wise to acquire the property before all court cases are resolved?

****NPR 4/26/17**

Once again, who pays; the people of Pawtucket. Why? The bill says so! If it is to be PRA, then it must be detailed in the bill, as well as where the funding is coming from.

6. The replacement costs (Apex Starting Over) mandated in the Eminent Domain law could be in the millions and nobody wants to talk about that. Why?

****Eminent Domain Law**

The taking of the property by ED will most certainly end up in court and a resolution could be several years away. The legal fees alone could end up in the high six figures. Who pays? You guessed it.

7. There is no estimate on the so called, “related infrastructure” costs. There will be studies, construction, engineers, etc. Who pays...yep!

These costs must be more evenly spread out between the partners. Pawtucket cannot do it!

Perhaps, those officials from our neighboring Blackstone Valley communities that have been so enthusiastic about sharing in the projected benefits should also be asked to share in the risks and cost overruns? That seems only fair to me.

Other issues to consider:

When Mr. Lucchino's partnership group wanted to build Petco Park in San Diego, the proposal went to the voters and the team opened up its books (As suggested in RI by Alan Hassenfeld). Why doesn't Little Rhody get the same courtesies?

Furthermore, that project was to be revenue neutral, and the funding sources were nearly identical to the deal in front of you. BUT....

QUOTE However, “Petco Park not only failed to revenue neutral, it contributed in no small fashion to a major fiscal emergency for the city, resulting in austerity measures and cuts to pensions and public services.”

**** Stewart 8/13/15**

It is appropriate that Mr. Lucchino’s past projects and their impact on local economies be reviewed before any vote is taken on this legislation. We just can’t play ‘follow the leader’ and buy into his plan with rose colored glasses and “Hope”.

Especially, because revenue neutrality is a main selling point of this proposal and is the basis for much of its support. I might add bond holders get paid right away, and this deal only becomes revenue neutral after the bonds are paid; 30 years from now.

I'm sure the taxpayers of Pawtucket would like to hear again from our esteemed General Treasurer Seth Magaziner. He expressed concerns about Pawtucket's debt and its ability to pay back its bonds. Has the promised meeting between him and Pawtucket officials taken place? What was the result?

Treasurer Magaziner stated his belief that State of Rhode Island may indeed still be the backstop for Pawtucket's bonds despite 2 lines that were added to the legislation to supposedly protect the State.

If that is true, then doesn't that eliminate the reasoning behind Governor Raimondo's support?

Her support is critical to Speaker Nicholas Mattiello willingness to even discuss the bill. Could that change his position?

The Honorable Treasurer must come before both chambers of the General Assembly to speak to that issue before this bill is moved.

Additionally, this committee has committed to scrutinize the study that is the basis for this legislation. That is imperative. After all, it was paid for by the two biggest stakeholders in this deal. The committee owes it to the taxpayers to analyze whether the numbers are legitimate and can be confirmed.

Keeping in mind all these questions, I suggest the General Assembly upon its return in January create a joint commission to study the data and testimony collected by this committee and the House Finance Committee and get the answers to all the questions before any actions are taken. Let's get it right! The stakes are too high.

We have neglected in the past to do our due diligence, and we all know what the results have been.

Rhode Islanders should, in fact, must have the final word on a project of this size with the associated risks.

I believe this proposal must be brought directly to the people of Rhode Island and Pawtucket through a ballot question in 2018 and let the chips fall.

In the meantime, the team and the city should immediately begin negotiations to extend the lease at McCoy, perhaps on a year-to-year basis. That would remove any threat that the team will abandon Rhode Island and Pawtucket, its self-declared home, before the vote.

I understand the team doesn't want that. But when the ownership is asking for \$72 million dollars of state and local money, in my opinion, it forfeits any right to dictate the timeline of this proposal.

My personal belief is that there isn't a city within 200 miles that is willing to even consider putting a deal such as the one before you on the table.

The team has been driving the bus from the start and it's time for the taxpayers to get into the front seat.

It's interesting to note how the Worcester threats have stopped after MA state legislature said it would not entertain giving any money for a new stadium. Are we are we really that much smarter than it is?

Also, is there an estimate on how much the value of the team will increase with a shiny new stadium with a favorable lease agreement? I would guess the value will rise substantially!

That makes it very tempting and convenient for this group to parachute out with a tidy profit, while having put only \$12 million up front and not owning anything. But that is also part of a business agreement.

BTW, getting a group of business people with an aggregate wealth in the billions to put up \$12 million is not my idea of a “driving a hard bargain”, as Mr. Pryor (Commerce) indicated at the first hearing.

The team must put more cash upfront to reduce the bond debt, plain and simple. Doing so will reduce the risk to the taxpayers of Rhode Island and Pawtucket.

Members of the committee, the questions are many and, so far, answers are few. The risks are not minimal as some would suggest, particularly for our city.

This legislation is like a mine field, and everyone knows what happens if a wrong step is taken...CATASTROPHE! We’ve been there, but have we learned anything?

So, let's dispense with the PR nonsense and get a bill that is fair to the taxpayers. The bill before you falls way short on that measurement, in my opinion.

As I conclude, this deal estimates Pawtucket's bond payments are to be at just under \$1 million a year for thirty years. That is .25 on our tax rate, if needed.

Pawtucket is a distressed community, and its non-education aid is at risk (\$7million) in this legislation.

The people that may be asked to pay any shortfalls are not unlike those that recently appeared before the PUC to say that a \$20.00 per month increase in their electric bill is the difference between food and medicine.

I ask you to keep that in mind as you weigh the risks this bill as currently structured puts upon the people of Pawtucket and possibly the taxpayers of Rhode Island.

Thank you.



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Comment We would love to see the Paw Sox stay in Pawtucket for the following reasons:

* It is the best wholesome, family entertainment

*It is very affordable

*The food is tasty and fairly priced

Also

*The Sox are very involved in the Pawtucket community, especially the Boys + Girls Club

* The organization generously welcomes other baseball events at McCoy Stadium like the NEIBA All Star Game and high school state championship games

In my opinion the Paw Sox, and especially the legacy of Ben Mondor are woven into the fabric of the city of Pawtucket. I cannot imagine this city without this ball club. This organization provides and supports so much for the citizens of Pawtucket. I only hope the ball club will stay in this city.

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My name is Alexis Reveron and I'm a 12th grader at Blackstone Academy Charter School in Pawtucket. I would like to express my support for the new PawSox proposal, .The PawSox have always been a very important and fun resource in the community for my family and friends.

I have great memories growing up going to PawSox games. My brother used to get tickets to PawSox games for winning the most improved award in school. We used to get enough tickets for our whole family to attend. It didn't matter if it was hot, cold or raining, we would still show up and show our support for the team. We always stayed for the entire game, cheering, bonding, and having a good time. I think the PawSox are important to Pawtucket because they are an affordable community resource, especially for low and middle-income families. The PawSox bring people together. It brought my family together and many other families. It is so important to me that we have things in our community that bring people together instead of dividing us.

I care about the future of Pawtucket and Rhode Island. After all, youth like me are the future. I want to see our communities grow and attract more businesses and resources for years to come. I do not want to see this great resource leave our City.

I believe an investment in the PawSox is an investment in our future. Please remember that we are counting on adults and policymakers to do what is best for our community and for our State.

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Comment Opposed to a new stadium that is paid with tax money. As a resident of Pawtucket I do not want to see tax money pay for a new stadium.

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I believe that the Pawtucket Red Sox have made a positive impact beginning in Pawtucket expanding to around the world.

I was a fan for many years and attended games with my father. It was always our special time together and he always made sure to make time for our special outings both growing up and now as his adult daughter. My most vivid memory as a child attending a game with him, was when a ball flew in our direction and all nearby rows tried to catch it. The man in front of us ended up catching it, without injury, but spilled his beer and food upon doing so. My father spilled his soda in the heat of the excitement upon rising to try to catch it, and I remember watching the children's reactions of the row where the ball landed. I remember so much good, but also recall there being limited places to eat and visit around McCoy. We went to a Newport Creamery in North Attleboro, because the stadium is in a residential neighborhood. This is something I noticed early on, as do many.

In March of 2017, I experienced the Pawtucket Red Sox, from a whole other side of the playing field and was offered a position to work under Brooke Coderre, who is the Director of Marketing and Merchandising in the Team Store, as a Merchandising Associate. I was in my glory, because of my love for interacting with people, desire to be a positive part of a positive experience and be a piece of history. I have a natural enthusiasm for life and feel that it easily comes across, which allows others to feel comfortable about me and at ease to share of their life experiences. This brought out many stories from those who visited the store and the stadium, some from RI, some from other states and some from other countries, including Israel and England. The stories shared with me about the connection they feel, to the ballpark and to the team, was humbling and fascinating. I was humbled they would want to share portions of their life experience with me and fascinated by the memories they hold within them about their time at McCoy and following the team. Throughout the course of my 5 months being a PawSox employee, I witnessed acts of kindness from fan to fan, employee to employee and without hesitation or delay PawSox employee to fan. There is a genuine passion to put on the best experience each time, as if each one was the very first, amidst the consecutive long hours and hard work. However, every day it was clear that we were all doing our best to maintain and sustain the aging ballpark as well.

The PawSox are able to provide all of the goodness that they already do, but even MORE, at the new location. The new location would enable the deliverance of more of everything that makes them great. The current neighborhood of McCoy limits experiences and community events due to the local school and residential neighborhood. They are limited and although it has worked for some time, it is time to make a change.

In this world, we need to support, protect, nurture, and celebrate what brings goodness into the lives of others. I hope for the outcome, so that the creation of positive experiences won't only be status quo but be heightened by the opportunities that are able to be created there.

We can't allow the fear of going down south, from those who have disappointed us in the past. We are not living the 38 studio situation all over again.

Thank you ever so much for taking the time to read the thoughts, opinions and stories of all who believe in the power of

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the Pawtucket Red Sox and support of relocating, to amplify all the great that began 75 years ago!

Respectfully,

Shannon

ps: "You owe it to yourself to be the best you can possibly be - in baseball and in life." -Pete Rose

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Public Comment on Pawtucket Stadium Proposal

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DATE: October 9, 2017

These written comments supplement my comments made in person before the Committee at Tolman High School in Pawtucket on September 26, 2017.

I do not support the project as it is currently structured. My main points are as follows:

1. Institute a \$1 surcharge on every ticket to be applied to Pawtucket's bond payments.
2. Reduce Pawtucket's cost share to \$7.5 million and increase the owners share by that amount.
3. Include some funding to decommission and stabilize McCoy stadium once it is abandon.

I expand on these points in the following narrative.

NARRATIVE

This deal is a start but not yet a good deal for the City. The City is in financial and economic recovery and building some momentum. A good stadium deal will add to that momentum and a bad deal will stall it. Having no deal is better than a bad deal. For reasons I will explain subsequently, Pawtucket's share needs to be reduced to \$7.5 million by getting a larger contribution from the owners. Pawtucket is not in a position to take on much risk. This proposal needs to be restructured as follows:

1. Impose a one dollar (\$1) surcharge on each ticket sold. This will raise about \$500,000 per year. This will cover the City's cost of \$7.5 million in bond debt. This \$1 surcharge will be applied towards the City's bond debt for the stadium until new property tax revenues will cover it. It will be applied only towards the shortfall. The balance will be put in an escrow account for maintenance of the stadium and the surrounding area. The surcharge will remain in place permanently for this purpose. In this way the patrons, who are the ones who benefit most from the stadium, can help support it financially.
2. The owners should be contributing a larger share with the City's costs capped at \$7.5 million. This site has a great location, great access, it is in the middle of the PawSox current fan base and geographically situated to draw more customers from a large densely populated market area. I think the owners need this more than we do. They do not have any viable options that have the assets of this location
3. The existing McCoy Stadium becomes a financial liability as soon as it is abandoned. \$2 million in funds should be included in the cost of the project to decommission and stabilize this building and this site. Citizens who support this project, especially Pawtucket residents, will feel deceived if the City comes back looking for money to do that later.

I want to close by commending our Mayor and the Senate Finance Committee. I believe that we have the best Mayor and City Council in the state. The Senate Finance Committee is committing a lot of time

to this and asking very important and very good questions which I greatly appreciate. Thank you for your commitment and your dedication.

Personal Note: I have lived in Pawtucket and have been going to PawSox games for almost 40 years. My four children have all grown up in Pawtucket and each of them had a job at McCoy for at least one summer. They now bring their children to PawSox games. I hope we can keep the PawSox but it has to be on terms that make sense for Pawtucket.



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Comment Rhode Island cannot afford the embarrassment of losing the Pawsox, especially after all of the other things gone wrong like 38 studios, corruption, poor self esteem by the public, compute systems, marketing companies. We have to keep this a top notch business climate. Pawsox provides another draw for convention goers from around the country.

Th train station, Pawsox, historic sites and micro breweries can establish a great destination.

We loose them and we loose \$2 mil income a year for the current stadium.

It is the most private investment of any minor league stadium in recent memory.

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