



Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Greetings:

We write in support of the Plaintiff's cause in the case of Job Creators Network v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al, as filed in the United States District Court Southern District of New York on May 31, 2021.

We stand with the businesses, large and small, which were damaged by the capricious decision by Major League Baseball to relocate the 2021 MLB All-Star Game from Truist Park, home to the Atlanta Braves.

In making this announcement, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said, "Major League Baseball fundamentally supports voting rights for all Americans and opposes restrictions to the ballot box." If this were true, the All-Star game would be taking place in Atlanta as originally planned.

Senate Bill 202, Georgia's Election Integrity Act, makes voting more accessible and more secure in Georgia. SB 202 adds three additional days of early voting in state law and, for the first time, provides for the use of ballot drop boxes in every county in Georgia. No reasonable person could perceive these expansions of both the time for and means of casting a ballot as "restrictions to the ballot box." Unfortunately, Major League Baseball's decision seems motivated by pressure from a radical, liberal political ideology based on lies.

As the MLB's own Atlanta Braves said, "Unfortunately, businesses, employees and fans in Georgia are the victims of this decision."

While estimates vary, it is safe to say that Atlanta-area businesses would have seen millions of dollars in economic impact from the 2021 All-Star Game. While the basis for MLB's decision is fictitious, the harm caused by this decision is very real and very painful for the businesses impacted.

As elected officials in the nation's #1 state for business, we hope that the Court will give serious consideration to the facts of this case and understand that if wrongful decisions like the one made by Major League Baseball are permitted to continue, then each and every business in this nation – and the job of every employee – is jeopardized by the whims of a well-funded, ultra-liberal political machine that has no regard for facts.

Sincerely,

Leadership of the Majority Caucus of the Georgia House of Representatives

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