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Dan Halem
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Halem,

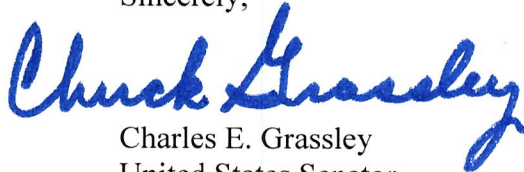
Thank you for the telephone conversation on November 26, 2019, regarding the importance of Minor League Baseball teams to communities throughout Iowa. As I shared, I have fond memories of going to Minor League baseball games in Waterloo, Iowa and seeing Luis Aparicio play before he made it big in the majors as a shortstop for the Chicago White Sox. I want Iowans to be able to continue to have the same experience.

I continue to be concerned about the potential contraction of several teams throughout Eastern Iowa. It is important that MLB set and communicate clear facility standards with teams that are part of the proposed contraction and then provide them adequate time to meet those standards.

Enclosed please find letters from the Burlington Bees, Clinton Lumber Kings, and the Quad Cities River Bandits regarding their concerns, facilities, and community engagement. I ask that these concerns be given all due consideration.

Thank you again for your time and consideration of these concerns regarding the proposed contraction of teams. I look forward to further communication with you as these negotiations continue.

Sincerely,


Charles E. Grassley
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