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Dear Gov. Lamont,

We write to make it clear that we absolutely support efforts to keep the Connecticut Sun here in Connecticut: the Basketball Capital of the World.

The Sun has an avid, loyal and diverse fan base. It is our state's only major league professional team. The Sun has brought excitement, jobs, economic development, tourism and pride to our state. The Sun's players and coaches are role models - particularly for girls and young women - across Connecticut and around the world.

The support to keep the team here is broad. We appreciate how you and Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz are fighting to keep the team here and keep the success story going - and growing.

With that being said, we are quite concerned about the option on the table of using state government employee pension funds to keep the Sun here. We emphatically urge you to be forthcoming and transparent about what the pension fund option entails. We, as lawmakers, and the people of the state of Connecticut deserve full transparency on this pension option as well as any other option under consideration.

Governor: This is the taxpayers' money. Please allow us to evaluate ALL of the terms and details to determine if this is a good deal for our state and the taxpayers who elected us to be their voices at the State Capitol.

We think it's only fair that as representatives of the taxpayers, we should be fully aware of any deal that would use pension funds. For example:

- Would the State have an equity position?
- Is there a guaranteed rate of return?
- Would there be a requirement the team stay in Connecticut for a period of time?

We need details so we, too, can be a proud supporter and advocate of this pursuit.

We hope you view this as a reasonable, common sense request for "sunlight" with regard to the Sun deal.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Harding".

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