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TO: Michael Hanlon
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Mayor

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SUBJECT: Step up to the plate

Ever since Coca-Cola Park was constructed in 2008, it has truly been a home run for the City of Allentown. The Lehigh Valley IronPigs have brought high-quality, family-friendly baseball to our city, while also creating jobs for our residents and attracting millions of visitors, who support our local businesses during their stays in the Queen City. Additionally, the organization assists local youth sports leagues, and has donated nearly \$1.9 million to youth-serving non-profit organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley region.

That is why I found City Council's decision to grant the organization \$0 to be out of left field. By refusing to go to bat for the Pigs and provide this critical funding, City Council is putting the IronPigs, Lehigh County, and the City of Allentown in a pickle. Granting the organization \$0 is way off base from the \$1.5 million that they requested, and it would be an error for me to sign this ordinance.