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H. R. 6020

To require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. KELLER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BARR, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CLINE, Mr. COSTA, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. HAALAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

1 (1) more than forty million fans have attended
2 Minor League Baseball games each season for 15
3 consecutive years;

4 (2) Minor League Baseball provides wholesome
5 affordable entertainment in 160 communities
6 throughout the Nation;

7 (3) in 2018, Minor League Baseball clubs do-
8 nated over \$45 million in cash and in-kind gifts to
9 their local communities and completed over 15,000
10 volunteer hours;

11 (4) the economic stimulus and development pro-
12 vided by Minor League Baseball clubs extends be-
13 yond the cities and towns where it is played, to wide
14 and diverse geographic areas comprising 80 percent
15 of the population in the Nation;

16 (5) Minor League Baseball is committed to pro-
17 moting diversity and inclusion through its Copa de
18 la Diversión, MiLB Pride, FIELD Program, and
19 Women in Baseball Leadership initiatives;

20 (6) Minor League Baseball is the first
21 touchpoint of the national pastime for millions of
22 youth and the only touchpoint for those located in
23 communities far from Major League cities;

24 (7) Congress has enacted numerous statutory
25 exemptions and immunities to preserve and sustain

1 a system for Minor League Baseball and its relation-
2 ship with Major League Baseball;

3 (8) an abandonment of 42 Minor League Base-
4 ball clubs by Major League Baseball would devastate
5 communities, bond purchasers, and other stake-
6 holders that rely on the economic stimulus these
7 clubs provide;

8 (9) Minor League Baseball clubs enrich the
9 lives of millions of Americans each year through spe-
10 cial economic, social, cultural, and charitable con-
11 tributions; and

12 (10) preservation of Minor League Baseball in
13 160 communities is in the public interest, as it will
14 continue to provide affordable, family friendly enter-
15 tainment to those communities.

16 **SEC. 2. GAO EVALUATION.**

17 Following consultation with the relevant committees
18 of Congress, the Comptroller General of the United States
19 shall evaluate the social, economic, and historic contribu-
20 tions that Minor League Baseball has made to American
21 life and culture.

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