

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6020

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2020

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (7) Congress has enacted numerous statutory
2 exemptions and immunities to preserve and sustain
3 a system for Minor League Baseball and its relation-
4 ship with Major League Baseball;

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

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

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

18 **SEC. 2. GAO EVALUATION.**

19 Following consultation with the relevant committees
20 of Congress, the Comptroller General of the United States
21 shall evaluate the social, economic, and historic contribu-

1 tions that Minor League Baseball has made to American
2 life and culture.

Passed the House of Representatives March 10,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.