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### **US Representatives join the City of Burlington and The Burlington Royals To Advocate for the Royals' Future**

BURLINGTON, NC—

The City of Burlington, The Burlington Royals, and US Representatives Mark Walker, David Price, and Ted Budd have joined forces to implore Major League Baseball not to eliminate the Burlington Royals Minor League Baseball team. Major League Baseball is currently pushing a proposal that would shut down 42 of 160 Minor League Baseball Teams. The Burlington Royals are among the teams potentially on the chopping block. MLB claims it is only seeking stadium improvements in these negotiations and yet the Burlington Athletic Stadium has undergone multi-million-dollar improvements over the last several seasons.

Attached are the following:

1. **2019 Burlington Royals Impact Statement** – outlines the almost 1 million dollars the Royals bring to the City of Burlington each year as well as the City's recent investment in stadium upgrades.
2. **US Congressional Support Letter** – US Representatives Mark Walker, David Price, and Ted Budd have all signed on to this letter opposing MLB's plan.
3. **Burlington Royals Release** – The Royals praise Congressional efforts to save Minor League Baseball
4. **Congressional Task Force Release** – describes the US Congressional Task Force advocating on behalf of communities that stand to be harmed by MLB's plan.

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