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Dear Members of the Cambridge City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed accessible ballpark in Cambridge. This project represents a unique opportunity to invest in our community's future, fostering inclusivity and ensuring that sports are accessible to everyone, regardless of ability. By building this accessible facility, Cambridge can make a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals, offering them a place to play, belong, and thrive.

There is tremendous community support for this project. Families, volunteers, and advocates throughout Cambridge have voiced the need for such a space. The accessible ballpark will not only serve athletes with disabilities, but will also unite the community around a common goal of inclusion and equity.

Cambridge has the chance to demonstrate leadership by moving forward with this initiative. By investing in an accessible diamond, the city can set an example for other municipalities, showing a commitment to inclusivity. Moving ahead with the Jays Care Foundation's field funding will help make this vision a reality. This partnership presents an incredible opportunity to leverage external resources while enhancing our city's facilities.

Beyond the social benefits, the economic impact of such a facility is significant. Accessible sports venues have the potential to attract visitors from neighboring communities, generating business for local companies and bolstering Cambridge's reputation as a welcoming and inclusive city. This project would bring positive, lasting changes that benefit everyone in the community.

Most importantly, an accessible ballpark fosters a deep sense of belonging for children, youth, and adults with disabilities. Providing a space where they can play sports just like anyone else builds their sense of self-worth and reinforces their connection to the community. This ballpark will be more than just a place to play—it will stand as a symbol of acceptance, inclusion, and pride.

I strongly encourage the council to proceed with this project and secure the Jays Care Foundation field funding this year to help make this dream a reality. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Melissa Papaioannou