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My name Maxine Beck. My husband John & I grew up in Portland. He actually played baseball on Hadlock Field in High School. It's pretty cool to tell your teenager that.

We are a sports family. We love baseball. We love the SeaDogs They do so much for the community and support local charities. Our son Derek became Sluggers kid in 2015. He was diagnosed with a Brain tumor at age 6 in 2014. He lost most of his vision. Derek had 22 months of chemotherapy. MCCP knew he loved bball & played. A child is honored, has a picture session with Slugger, gets to run the bases, throws out a first pitch and more. It's "Strike Out Cancer in Kids". \$10 for each strike out goes to Maines Childrens Cancer research. That season alone I believe helped Derek through, he met many players who showed compassion. One of the pitchers took him under his wing. Took him on a clubhouse tour. We had a picture with Jason Varitek. The players are amazing. It's like bringing a little bit of the Red Sox to Maine. We really enjoy going to a game on a warm summer night or nice afternoon. Eating a SeaDog biscuit, watching Slugger get the crowd going with his YMCA & funny antics. The atmosphere is great. People are singing & chanting and the 7th inning stretch is always a winner.

It would be sad and devastating if Portland was to lost the SeaDogs. This has become their home. It would take away a lot from many in Maine and the visitors.

Thank you,  
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