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support this amendment, and, Senator Ashford, if you want some more time, you are welcome to the remaining time I have. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Moore. Senator Ashford, Senator Moore has yielded his time to you. I am sorry, I did not understand what was going on. I apologize, Senator Fisher has yielded the rest of his time to you, Senator Ashford,...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...and you have about 4 1/2...3 minutes.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Senator Crosby, and thank you, Senator Fisher, for the points that you made, and I also appreciated Senator Will's comments because it solidified the basic point and the second principle upon which this matter is being brought to you, and that is that it is brought to you based upon a vote of the citizens of Omaha, on a very carefully...and I've sent it around to you, a copy of the sample ballot that was voted on, it is a very carefully drafted and very specifically drafted initiative that requires that the money be spent for the specific purposes that are outlined in the bill, and that it be...the tax be levied for only one year. The mayor has made that clear in writing to us, and also I am sure in talking to various members about his intention, and that is that it be only for one year as it is set forth in the bill very specifically, and in the amendment very specifically, but I'd also like to talk just a bit in the brief seconds I have left about Senator Fisher's point, and Omaha is becoming more and more of an exciting place, but we really do need to kick-start some of the entertainment facilities that we have. We need to do more for the state, and I think really that the citizens of Omaha have offered up to the rest of the state an opportunity here by paying the tax, and obviously others will pay it, but for the most part it will be people within the City of Omaha, are willing to renovate a building that is very visible to those who drive past through Omaha because it is sitting right next to the interstate, and are willing to make, you know, a nice project out of a building that is old. But just because it is old, obviously,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.