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**US Supreme Court – Nominee Sonia Sotomayor**

Sonia Sotomayor is being touted as “Saving Baseball” with her 1995 ruling which assisted in the ending of the Baseball Strike.

But, did she really save baseball? Or destroy baseball?

The Sotomayor ruling negated the rights of the owners of Major League Baseball. With limits set to the rights of the owners they were forced to accept the terms set by the baseball players union. Those terms have resulted in \$100Million, \$140Million and \$200Million dollar contracts.

The unlimited player salaries have resulted in tax payer financing of baseball stadiums.

The unlimited player salaries have resulted in higher ticket, parking and concession prices.

The unlimited player salaries have resulted in the era of “Steroids” and “HGH”. A batter who hit 10 additional home runs per year resulted in \$50Million additional salary.

Her ruling may have expedited the end of the strike. Her ruling did not help the tax payers. Her ruling did not help baseball fans. Her ruling did not help baseball statistics. Her ruling did not adequately perceive the future implications and unintended consequences.

Diversity brings perspective. The US Supreme Court deserves perspective tempered by humility and forethought of consequences.