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Too much cash for the stadiums

To the Editor:

This is not only a Philadelphia issue, it is also a New Jersey issue because many people cross the Delaware River to attend Phillies and Eagles games.

Why is money being considered for more sports stadiums when there is a greater need of shelters for the homeless and aid for families that are legitimately in need of welfare?

Why are we inflating with money the pockets of professional athletes and franchise owners who already have inflated egos and contribute very little to the community except entertainment?

Another practical reason that doesn't justify the building of additional sports facilities is that most Phillies games have many empty seats and that there are about only eight Eagles home games.

An analogy that could be made is putting icing on a cake for the few and offering no bread for the many.

If these facilities become a reality, it is money misdirected and illogically prioritized.

It is suggested that Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell and Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge walk through some of the disadvantaged neighborhoods of Philadelphia. They may redirect their thinking on this issue. Let us think of those who cannot afford to purchase tickets to these games.

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