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Save the Crew? Will Do!

The Grateful Dead were noted in their live performances for, among other things, beginning a song and then segueing to one or more other songs before concluding the first song in the thread. Sometimes, the Dead would wait several concerts to complete the original song.

Today we emulate the Grateful Dead by completing a string of posts that began in May about the potential relocation of Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew to Austin, Texas. In our first post, we described the lawsuit brought by then-Ohio Attorney General, and now Governor-Elect, Mike Dewine to apply Ohio's "Art Modell Law" to halt the Crew's departure. We observed in this post that if successful, Ohio's Art Modell Law could serve as a model to other states to prevent the relocation of professional sports franchises that have benefited from publicly financed arenas, stadiums, and other facilities. Our second post reported Major League Soccer's award of an expansion franchise to Cincinnati, which demonstrates that a state's enactment of an Art Modell Law evidently will not dissuade a professional sports league from expanding to that state.

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