

To Whom it May Concern,

Tillamook County is requesting that the statutory limitation on spending the advertising and promotion part of Transient Lodging Tax dollars be temporarily lifted, for the duration of the present COVID-19 emergency. We would like to use TLT funds, if necessary, to rent motel rooms for overflow patients should the hospital become over capacity; this would return TLT funds to the entities that collected them and provide a potentially lifesaving service to visitors who become ill while they are here as well as residents. We would also like to have the option of using TLT funds to help restaurant and lodging providers through the coming weeks and months if necessary, to help their businesses survive this public health emergency. This assistance could be in the form of grants, bridge loans, TLT tax credits or gift card purchases. We think it would be fitting and appropriate to use the funds generated by visitors to help the businesses that bring them in.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Faith Bell