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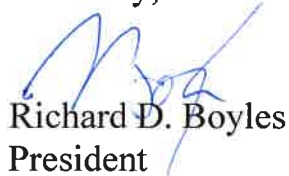
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RE: SB525

To Whom it May Concern,

While this bill brings residential housing supply and affordability to the forefront, and it is an issue that needs to be addressed, I believe that this bill places an unfair penalty on hotels and other industries that rely on tourism throughout the state of Oregon. I am in opposition to this bill for the reasons listed below. This is an issue of statewide concern. The solution should not be funded from a tax on a single industry. Additionally, removing tax dollars from tourism promotion is a bad economic decision as expenditure on tourism promotion are returned many times over by dollars imported into the state through increased tourism visitation. These dollars are spent across a wide swath of Oregon's businesses, not just hotels, and they are spent broadly throughout the state, including areas that rely highly on tourism to support the local economy.

Sincerely,



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