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As a resident of Cannon Beach, I support using revenue from the local transient lodging tax to fund public safety and infrastructure. Our town faces challenges from high tourism, impacting utilities and emergency services. To help, the city implemented a food and beverage tax to generate funds from day visitors. This has improved fire and lifeguard services, but as tourism grows, continued support is needed. Cannon Beach has fewer than 1,700 full-time residents who bear the costs of tourism, which extends beyond just beach visits, shopping, and dining.