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I strongly support using transient room taxes to support the cities and communities who must foot the bill for out of control tourism and the destruction of resources that comes along with tourism. Residents having to pay for tourists resource upkeep simply so a few "for profit" tourist related companies can continue to make money is ridiculous. If we use this same failed logic on everything where private companies profit off selective taxes and residents subsidizing everything then why do we not have a tax on food so we can promote retail sales for Safeway and Albertsons' and a gas tax to promote Exxon.