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Please support this modest increase to the transient lodging tax to help preserve and protect Oregon's beautiful places and iconic wildlife, as well as to support wildfire prevention, water quality, forest health, and outdoor recreation. Very few people will be bothered by this small increase in the tax, and will be greatly outnumbered by those who will continue to be interested in visiting Oregon's healthy, vibrant landscapes, forests, mountains, seashores, wildlife and the other attractions that bring millions of people here each year, resulting in approximately \$15 billion in revenue from general attractions, tourism and adventure businesses, retail sales, car rentals, hotels and restaurants, and more, all of which in turn helps to create jobs and support a thriving economy.

Oregon currently has the third lowest lodging tax in the nation. The proposed change to the tax is very reasonable, and will provide numerous benefits to our state and tourism industries.

Thank you for considering my comments.