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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I manage two Hotels in Eugene. I am submitting this testimony regarding House Bill 4134.

Tourism is the essential foundation of our work. Our hotel operations, the jobs we provide, and our support for local suppliers are fundamentally reliant on a vibrant and effectively promoted visitor industry. My work, and the livelihood of my entire team, depends on the successful efforts to attract travelers to our region.

Raising the statewide Transient Lodging Tax by 1.25% and, critically, redirecting the new revenue away from tourism development are harmful proposals. These funds are essential for promoting and supporting the infrastructure that brings visitors to Lane County, sustaining the entire tourism ecosystem. Diminishing this support jeopardizes our ability to maintain our operations and contribute positively to the local economy. I urge you to protect these vital investments and oppose HB 4134.