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Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4134.

The State Lodging Tax was designed specifically to support tourism and marketing within our state. Permitting agencies outside of these sectors to access these funds would set a dangerous precedent, allowing unrelated entities to tap into tourism revenue to cover budget shortfalls or financial mismanagement.

More importantly, this bill would negatively impact the livelihood, safety, and housing stability of many hourly employees, particularly in the Lincoln City area. For example, a local housekeeper recently became the sole provider for her three children after her husband was deported. She now works two jobs, seven days a week, to support her family. Increasing the state tax threatens to reduce hotel occupancy, which leads to reduced shifts for workers like her. For many in our community, even a slight reduction in hours could result in the loss of housing.

I urge you to consider the direct impact this legislation would have on our workforce and to maintain the integrity of the State Lodging Tax for its intended purpose.

Best regards,

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