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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

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I am writing to express my opposition to any increase or expansion of the transient and lodging tax in Oregon. As someone involved in the hospitality industry, I am concerned that higher lodging taxes make Oregon less competitive, discourage tourism, and place additional financial pressure on small and mid-sized lodging businesses already facing rising operational costs.

Tourism supports local jobs and small businesses across the state. Increasing taxes on visitors risks reducing travel demand as Portland is still struggling with tourism, and ultimately harming the communities that rely on this industry.

I respectfully urge you to consider the impact on local businesses, employees, and tourism before approving any changes to lodging taxes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Darshil Patel