



To Whom it may concern,

I oppose HB 4134, which diverts lodging tax dollars away from tourism promotion. Tourism promotion helps drive guests into our hotels and customers into restaurants. We are in a small community, and funds will be taken away from promoting travel and hospitality. This will hurt jobs in our area and impact on low-income families who are already struggling. Hotel and restaurant workers recognize the importance of protecting wildlife habitat and supporting ranchers with wolf management, but strongly feel that these priorities deserve a comprehensive, statewide funding solution— not one that singles out a single industry to carry the burden.

This is a shared responsibility, and the funding should be shared as well.

Thank you,

Cari Shafer

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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