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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I respectfully oppose HB 4134, which would increase the state transient lodging tax. Hotels already operate in one of the highest combined lodging-tax environments in the region, with local taxes exceeding 11% before any state increase. For price-sensitive guests—construction workers, families, medical travelers, and small business visitors—taxes materially affect booking decisions. When total room cost rises, guests shorten stays, trade down, or choose alternate destinations. This bill is going to really hurt the hotel industry long term by diverting travelers to other states and areas.