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As a lifelong Oregon, I love this state especially because of its amazing wildlife and their habitat. In order to implement Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan, the small increase in the tourism tax from 1.5% to 2.75% seems a very small price to pay. We need all of our wildlife and incredible forests to attract visitors to our state but also for current residents to enjoy as well as our children and grandchildren. I have spent my life studying fungi but few realize that many of the most important pharmaceuticals such as statins lowering cholesterol and cyclosporin, which allows organ transplants originated from fungi that live sight unseen in these habitats. Most fungi have yet to be discovered much less what amazing metabolites they may produce that may be useful to humans. Now more than ever, we need to show how much we value nature in this wonderful state!