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On Behalf Of: Indivisible Bend
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear House Committee On Revenue,

My name is Craig Lacy and this is an addendum to my earlier testimony after listening to the meeting yesterday.

Oregon has the 3rd lowest lodging tax by the state in the country. Some of the folks expressed concern that raising the lodging tax would make our hotels etc. less competitive and they would lose business to other areas of the country. Their complaint should be with cities (or counties?) who sometimes charge 10 times what the state levies. Furthermore, Oregon doesn't have a sales tax and most states do, so the overall tax on rooms is much lower here than other regions.

HB4134 would provide stable funding for things that have been tragically under funded for years. Please support this much needed piece of legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Lacy