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

Members of the Oregon Legislature,

As a small business owner I know the need for statewide programs. But Oregon can't tax its way into a strong, sustainable economy—we have to grow it.

The Transient Lodging Tax was created to be reinvested in local communities Like Albany to support tourism, small businesses, and long-term economic health across the state.

The tourism industry has consistently shown it's willingness to help the community create lasting returns. Any increase to the state lodging tax should be part of a clear and consistent strategy that recognizes tourism as a key driver of economic development.

For these reasons, we oppose HB 4134 and urge you to vote no. Travelers today are extremely price sensitive, and higher lodging taxes make Oregon less competitive. Many visitors are Oregonians themselves, meaning this tax hits residents already struggling with rising living costs. It also adds pressure to small lodging operators who are already facing higher operating expenses—putting jobs, investment, and local economies at risk.