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On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB3159

Dear Lawmakers,

Please vote NO on HB-3159. We already have very high lodging taxes which has hampered our small communities and small businesses that depend on tourism. I am a married father of 3 and we used to take three or four vacations a year where we stayed in a cabin and went out exploring and bringing consumer business to small communities by dining and making purchases there. Since the last round of lodging taxes came out of the Oregon legislature a few years back on top of the struggling economy and sky high inflation, I have had to make some tough choices on our family getting away for vacation to the tune of narrowing it down to 1 a year. It's already very spendy to book a cabin and/or motel for your average size blue collar family without the cleaning fees, transaction/booking/service fees, and lodging taxes being included which when put altogether doubles the price of the stay. Please don't pass more taxes on us hard working struggling commoners who repeatedly time and again have signaled to the Oregon state government that we as a majority collective are opposed to new taxes. Please don't put get aways and vacations further out of reach for families and please get the governments hands out of our pockets and vote NO on HB-3159. Thank you and God speed.