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Hello,

I have owned property in Tillamook county for over 20 years and we spend approximately 1/2 our time here, at our home in Barview. In the time we are not here, we do use our home as a STR. We are a perfect example of Mom and Pop owners who will be the most harmed by the proposed increase in TLT.

The TLT here in Tillamook County is already high and should not be raised higher, nor should it be brought to a vote as many of the STR owners are not able to vote in Tillamook county. STR owners provide a much needed service by allowing their homes to be used by visitors and by doing so already increase the income of the county and its business owners.

Increasing the TLT will likely drive more mom and pop STR owners out and increase STR ownership by corporations and out of state investors.

If you really need to increase taxes, please look at other options and quit raising taxes on STRs. It is certainly becoming obvious that the county would love to drive out STR owners all together but this will leave a massive gap in tourism housing and impact the ability for the county to host visitors. This is a no-win proposition for the county and our beautiful, public coastline.

Thank you ,  
Peggy