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I believe our public funds should not be funding tourism near the extent it has been. As a long-time Bend resident, I have grown along side this beautiful town. This growth brought a handful of issues, such as homelessness and infrastructure to name a few, which this town has not seen to such a degree before. Tourism in many ways has made Bend what is today. However, Bend has grown roughly 30% in the last decade and I believe now that we have a strong local economy our priorities must switch to meet the needs of our community if we are going to succeed as a community.

Tourism in Bend is not going anywhere, and nor should it. Our tourism industry will stand strong without advertising campaigns, and our tax payer dollar should absolutely not be funding that any longer.

Thank you so much for your time, service, and consideration.

Your neighbor,
Fletcher