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The Honorable Maxine Dexter
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Dexter,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3962. As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe this legislation poses significant risks to economic stability in the region. In 2023, direct travel spending in Southern Oregon reached \$1.1 Billion and achieving a 4.2% increase. This equated to approximately 12,300 jobs, generating around \$320 million for local employees. In addition, tourism has grown to be the second largest economic driver behind healthcare.

Specifically, I am troubled by opening travel generated taxes to pay for city projects. This would reduce spending in advertising and marketing as well as infrastructure to support visitation and enhanced services and opportunities for locals. These measures will lead to reduced visitation, poorly maintained infrastructure and damaging the economic vitality we are generating in the region.

I urge you to consider the long-term implications of this bill and to prioritize policies that promote economic growth, jobs and visitation. This bill will have a huge negative impact on our region. Jobs in the hospitality tourism sector have grown by 3.5%. I respectfully request that you vote against HB 3962 and work toward solutions that better serve the interests of all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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