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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3962

Dear Senate Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3962. As a lodging operator in Oregon, I have witnessed a continuous rise in lodging taxes imposed by the city, state, and county.

I believe that increasing lodging taxes is not a sustainable solution every time additional funds are needed at the state, city, or county level. It is crucial for tourism in Oregon to remain viable. The ongoing tax increases make it increasingly difficult for visitors to afford to travel to our state and ultimately limit the number of people staying in hotels.

Without actual guests, the lodging tax will fail to generate additional revenue and will have a devastating economic impact on communities that depend on tourism. I view this bill as a significant overreach and cannot support it.

Sincerely,

Kim Gift