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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3962

I'm writing to strongly oppose this legislation. It's not just flawed — it's dangerous to the future of Oregon's economy.

Destination Marketing Organizations, Chambers of Commerce, cultural institutions, and local nonprofits rely on tourism funding to do what they do best: bring people to Oregon, support small businesses, and create good local jobs. Redirecting these critical funds to plug holes in the general budget might offer short-term relief, but the long-term damage will be real — and lasting.

These dollars were never meant to be a backfill for government spending. They're investments that fuel growth in every corner of the state. Stripping them away doesn't solve a problem — it creates a bigger one.

Oregon's strength is in its communities, its small businesses, and its cultural identity. Undermining the organizations that support those things is a step in the wrong direction.

Please reconsider this legislation. The cost to our state is too high.