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I'm writing today to encourage the legislature to continue it's commitment to economic development through the appropriate use of TLT funds. Increasing the state lodging tax in this moment would cripple an already badly damaged tourism industry, which has yet to fully recover from COVID and the political unrest of 2020. Using TLT funds to fund non-tourism related expenses will further handicap a struggling industry--one that is essential to Oregon's success. We need a strong tourism and hospitality industry to generate jobs and increase spending in our small businesses.