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On Behalf Of:

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I am a strong supporter of tourism advocacy after being the co-founder and 10 year market manager of the Tillamook Farmers Market. Through market surveys, we saw how many tourists slammed on their brakes when they saw the market and proceeded to spend substantial money for the produce/flowers/food/crafted items our local small business vendors provided.

I have also served on the local fire district board of directors and have seen first hand that we need more fire/EMT/ambulance services. Our tourists need to be cared for in addition to our locals, and I believe the passage of this bill would be a step in the right direction.

I am a strong advocate for economic development, especially when our small businesses are competing against big companies through niche markets. These businesses also grab the tourists walking around our downtown area. Anything that can be done to balance the scales would be great.