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Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 3:40 AM

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I write to you in your capacity as a member of the House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee in relation to the proposals contained in House Bill 25-1247, which would allow counties in Colorado to triple the lodging tax from 2% to 6%. I am opposed to this initiative.

I am a homeowner that owns two vacation rental properties located at Copper Mountain, an unincorporated ski resort community in Summit County. If this tax is increased, it will drive up the costs for guests to visit Summit County, and as such has the potential to reduce the number of visitors. This is not helpful to the county or the state at all.

In addition, it seems to me completely unfair that this proposed tax increase should be levied on an unincorporated community like Copper Mountain that receives negligible services from the county (no school, no trash collection etc etc). Taxation without any commensurate benefit to those that pay or collect the tax is manifestly unfair.

There are many other reasons that this tax increase should be shelved, that others will no doubt articulate. Thank you for your time and consideration. I'd be happy to discuss this further if you'd like. You can reach me via my contact information below.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the House Committee on Transportation, Housing, and Local Government,

Vail Valley Partnership is the regional chamber of commerce, with 800 members throughout Eagle County who collectively represent over 80% of the local workforce. We are dedicated to the vitality of our mountain communities and encourage you to support the proposed amendments to HB CO25-1247.

Specifically, I am writing to express my concerns regarding Colorado House Bill 25-1247 and to respectfully urge the committee to amend the bill to lower the proposed lodging tax from 6% to 4% and to provide an exemption for communities to include special districts from county lodging taxes.

The proposed 6% lodging tax presents a significant risk to Colorado's tourism economy by creating a potential competitive disadvantage for our lodging industry. Many of our neighboring states and communities operate with lower lodging tax rates, and an excessive tax increase could deter visitors, shifting tourism dollars elsewhere. Lowering the tax to 4% strikes a more reasonable balance—providing needed funding for local initiatives while ensuring Colorado remains a premier destination for travelers.

Additionally, it is essential to exempt special districts from county lodging taxes. Special districts often operate with distinct funding structures and obligations that differ from county governments. Subjecting them to additional county lodging taxes could result in unfair financial burdens, ultimately limiting their ability to invest in local infrastructure and essential community services. Allowing this exemption will promote equitable taxation and prevent unintended economic consequences for businesses and residents within special districts. Our Colorado special districts are often the most local form of government.

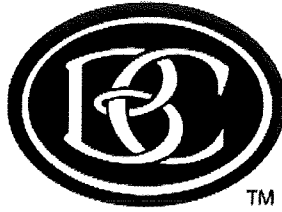
By amending HB25-1247 to lower the lodging tax rate and include an exemption for special districts, the General Assembly can help ensure that Colorado remains a competitive and thriving tourism destination while also supporting the unique needs of local communities through the intent of the legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your leadership on these important issues and urge your support for these critical amendments.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Romer", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Romer
President/CEO
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BEAVER CREEK RESORT COMPANY

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Dear Members of the House Committee on Transportation, Housing, and Local Government,

I am writing on Behalf of the Beaver Creek Resort Company, who represent all of the resident and businesses within the Beaver Creek community. We are committed to driving the economic vitality of our purpose built mountain resort community and encourage you to support the proposed amendments to HB CO25-1247.

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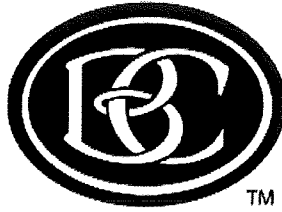
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