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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 24, 2020

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
Oregon House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 4047

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Oregon has been chosen as the site of the Oregon 21 World Track and Field Championships – an international event that will bring attention, and thousands of visitors, to our wonderful state. I am supportive of this historic event and the state investments we have committed to help support it. However, I have serious concerns about the stewardship of this increase in transient lodging tax funds following a recent audit of Travel Oregon.

One of the most solemn duties of a legislator is to ensure that public dollars are used effectively and efficiently, and I take that job very seriously. I voted ‘no’ on HB 4047 because I believe we must ensure the organization responsible for these resources is spending them wisely and, given the recent audit, I have concerns about that being the case. We must do more work to ensure that Travel Oregon is utilizing its resources effectively and responsibly.

As stewards of the public trust, we must focus our limited resources where they can have the biggest impact on improving the lives of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Representative Rachel Prusak

