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I represent citizens of Montana that feel our state should institute a tax on all tourist purchases within the State of Montana. We support a sales tax on tourist allowing Montana to increase its spending without creating a deficit.

We feel that Montana could fund many projects by placing a tax paid only by tourist, on all products sold in Montana. Montanans would be able to avoid paying the tax, by showing a Montana ID. Each county would receive the money collected from the tax within their county. This would allow each county to maintain roads, buildings, and public areas that are used by tourist. In 2008 over 10 million tourists traveled through Montana. Assuming every tourist made a purchase of \$10, and paid a 3% sales tax. Montana would have made \$300,000 in 2008.

We believe that Montana should enact a 6% sales tax on all tourists' purchases within the state.

Above I have stated why I believe a 6% sales tax on tourists is a smart move for the state of Montana to make. By enacting a tourist's tax, Montana has the opportunity to better maintain its public facilities.

I will support all tax increases that effect tourists passing through or visiting Montana.

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