

## **P-06-1502 Scrap Proposals for a Tourism Tax**

### **Text of petition:**

The recent proposals for a tourism tax in Wales are an ill thought out means of generating revenue for the Welsh Government, especially during a cost of living crisis.

This is fundamentally anti-business and counterproductive to the intent of the proposals as any tourism levy will lead to fewer tourists holidaying to Wales and less tax generated for the government.

Please sign this petition to indicate to the Finance Secretary the dissent of the public at these crudely drawn up plans.

### **Additional information:**

As the current proposal stands, a £1.25 charge to each person (inc. children) staying overnight at a hotel in a council that applies this charge would amount to £25 for a family of 4 staying for 5 nights.

When adding this on top of cost of accommodation, parking fees, cost of eating out and travel costs, this would make Wales an even less appealing holiday destination than equivalent destinations across the border with England which doesn't operate such a policy.

This will inevitably result in reduced visitors, reduced money for businesses reliant on tourism and an overall negative reputation that Wales will earn from anyone previously wishing to visit.

The fact that the Finance Secretary Mr. Drakeford is wilfully ignoring the concerns of the report drawn up by the Commons Welsh Affairs Committee

that introducing such a tax may deter visitors speaks volumes about his abject blindness at how such a policy may affect actual working people.

**Senedd Constituency and Region:**

- Aberavon
- South Wales West