

**Maureen D Globe - CB room levy**

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I own the Chanterelle Inn in Cape Breton. I am writing to object to the room levy now being proposed for Cape Breton for a number of reasons:

1. Bad timing. Along with the hike in HST, another 2% tax makes the burden on guests onerous at a time of austerity.
2. Unequal burden for collection. Accommodations are singled out to become the collection agents for the tax while other businesses that profit from tourism will not have to participate. If in fact this levy does become law, it is reasonable to assume that those who have to serve as collection agents (accommodation operators) should be able to charge a 10% fee from the government for doing so.
3. Incentive for visitors to go elsewhere. As if there were no other reasons for visitors to go to Europe, the US, etc. because of the strong Canadian dollar, an additional tax increases the dis-incentive to come to Cape Breton.
4. Parallel bureaucracies. It seems as if the organizational structure proposed for Destination Cape Breton mimics the Provincial Department of Tourism. Is this just for job creation up here or could the money be better spent?

If there would be any need to contact me, my phone number is 902-929-2263.

Thank you.

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