SB 2008 is on the agenda in the Senate Community Affairs Committee this coming Tuesday, March 30. **We must continue to express our concerns about this bill and ensure members of the Senate understand that diverting money away from local tourism promotion efforts is the wrong move for Florida’s economic recovery.**

We appreciate your efforts yesterday to try to stop this bill from being heard and now we must pivot our message to **asking Senate leadership and members of the Senate Community Affairs Committee to vote NO on SB 2008**. Please send emails and targeted tweets to these Senators. The template email and tweets have been updated to reflect our request that they vote this bill down. Click on the tweet links to have them auto-populate into your Twitter account and hit send.

In addition to sharing these messages through your own communications channels, please share these tools with any other organizations that benefit from Tourist Development Taxes. They, too, would be negatively impacted and could lose funding if this legislation is ultimately passed by both chambers.

**Template Email:**

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to you today to ask that you **vote NO on SB 2008**, which would allow local governments to sweep funds that have been established for local tourism promotion to use in other parts of their budgets.

This is an annual battle for local tourism promotion organizations that must fight to ensure the funds specifically earmarked by voters for tourism promotion remain dedicated to tourism promotion. Every year, there is a legislative proposal to expand the use of these funds to include items such as flooding, water quality, public safety, affordable housing and other services or projects. If this legislation is passed, there will be another request next year further eroding local communities’ abilities to attract visitors needed to generate tax revenue and jobs.

As the state struggles to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, now is not the time to hurt the industry that is poised to lead Florida’s economic recovery.

Thank you for your support of one of Florida’s top industries and voting in the best interest of the state.

Sincerely,

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| **Senate Member** | **Tweets** |
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| @WiltonSimpson Now is not the time to further harm FL’s tourism industry by letting local governments sweep Tourist Development Taxes. Those taxes are needed for tourism promotion efforts that will bring visitors back to the state and help FL’s economy recover. <https://ctt.ec/6c1Fd>  |
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| @debbie\_mayfield Now is not the time to further harm FL’s tourism industry by letting local governments sweep Tourist Development Taxes. Those taxes are needed for tourism promotion efforts that will bring visitors back to the state and help FL’s economy recover. <https://ctt.ec/MdYF5>  |
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