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Hi Abby,

Thank you for including us in this outreach.

We have a slightly different perspective. We've lost sales due to the 1% sales tax, so I can only imagine how off putting it will be for visitors from states with much lower taxes to now see a 2% town tax. Implementing an 8% tax on people who are funding our tourist dependent economy seems completely counter intuitive to us.

This will also directly increase what we pay the credit card company every month. For example, if an item costs \$100, we charge the customer \$107. Then we pay the taxes owed, and are also paying the cc company 3% on that \$107. Raising the tax to 8% will increase what we owe the cc company without us seeing any benefit of it.

We live in Huntington and pay a high property tax to take care of the towns needs. I would expect Stowe to do the same, especially given how many second homes and air bnbs there are.

This policy feels anti business. Stowe is seeing an uptick in visitors and adding this tax would only discourage people from visiting. Everything is very expensive in the world right now, let's do what we can to keep Vermont accessible to people who want to come up here and spend some time in the mountains.

We will be out of town this week otherwise I would have been happy to speak to this. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Meghan and Dave Okolita  
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On Apr 17, 2026, at 5:50 AM, Abby Bourgeois <abby@stoweibrancy.org> wrote:

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