

HASTE YE BACK:

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In heir of the tax deadline day in the United States, the U.S. Travel Association pointed out that American taxpayers would have to pay an average of \$950 more per household on “tax day” if it wasn’t for the tax revenues generated by travel and tourism to and within the United States.

“Take a moment to extend some friendly hospitality to the tourists in your city or town today – the money they spend has saved you nearly one thousand dollars in personal taxes this year,” said Roger Dow, president and CEO of the U.S. Travel Association. “The leisure or business traveler staying at the nearby hotel, eating at a local restaurant, shopping or visiting a local attraction is keeping your local economy vibrant and putting money in your pocket.”

The money travelers inject into the economy often means more money for civic development, infrastructure and state and local jobs such as teachers, firefighters and police forces. In 2009, travel spending by U.S. and international visitors resulted in more than \$111 billion in tax revenue for federal, state and local government, according to the U.S. Travel Association. Of that total, \$77.3 billion came from leisure travel and \$34.2 billion was generated by business travel, including meetings and conventions.