

Members of the House Committee on Energy,

As the capital is closed and not open for in person testimony and public engagement, I offer this written testimony instead.

Please oppose the gut and stuff of HB2674. I know the thought of gathering more money into the state coffers is attractive to some, so it does not surprise me that an amendment has been offered to tax tires, off road equipment, and even off road fuels. The constant attacks on producers of merchantable products grows old, however. It is part of the never-ending search for "things not yet taxed".

Perhaps you should invest your time into creating a budget or examining and reversing the governors ridiculous emergency restrictions. Then go home, as you continue to insist that the people's house needs to be closed for everyone's safety. Close it completely then. Because you are not safe there. Come back next time with ideas to make Oregon better, not suck the life out of our state with taxes and regulation.