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On Behalf Of: Tax paying Oregon drivers  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Here we are again: Representative Helm with HB3362 is taxing 95% of Oregonians who drive to work, church, and grocery stores, all to reward Metro and public transit on the backs of hard-working taxpayers. So please tell us why rural Oregonians should be taxed for this urban Choo Choo train delusion! Why should people who live in Malheur, Baker, or Crook County pay more for tires when they are miles from any public transit train?

If you want to collect money for your Green New Deal Choo Choo train scams, go to Metro. They seem to have plenty of money, and since this would benefit Metro, I think a fair and equitable way to pay for this would be to ask them for the funds. Taxing farmers, ranchers, rural homeowners, and rural businesses for the tires they need is beyond greedy; it borders on criminals. You, Representative Helm, do not seem to be able to keep your wants and desires within your House District; you are always reaching out into rural Oregon with your environmental legislation to control what rural Oregonians need to live. How about leaving these people alone and focusing on the ODOT budget hole or lowering taxes for Oregonians?

I saw a statistic: 95% of Oregonians drive to work or other places. Less than 5% use the train, so stop taxing the majority to reward the minority. Looking at the testimonies already submitted, I would say it may be best not to pick this fight with Oregon drivers.

I oppose bill HB3633, its intent, and its stated outcome 100%. Let Metro fund its own business and leave us, the taxpayers, alone. I don't ride the train, and since you are pushing so hard to force taxpayers to fund your projects, I never will!