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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Sirs: I find it appalling that you would even consider such a tax and then go on to require that the proceeds go to rail or other forms of public transportation, along with mitigation of tire pollution as it pertains to water quality. How about it funds road repair and improvements of existing infrastructure. Rather than funding the failed attempts at public transportation in the Portland urban area. I would like to remind you that while the Portland urban area may have higher population than other parts of the state most of the population there does not use public transportation. This bill also requires the organizing of an entirely new department within ODOT which is already unable to perform its existing duties and has an estimated 1.8 billion dollar shortfall in its budget. While a 4 percent excise tax may be needed to fund that shortfall, while a 4 percent excise tax may be beneficial, this bill does nothing to address this and only adds an additional burden on an already overwhelmed department.