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I am writing in opposition to HB 3362.

While I understand some people, especially individuals living in places like Portland, Salem, or Eugene are OK with taxing tires to strongly encourage (aka force) the use of public transportation, I would like to remind people that the State of Oregon consists of more places and people than Portland, Salem, and Eugene and those who live within these cities.

This tax is not only unnecessary, I would argue it is distinctly discriminatory against those of us who do not live in cities, work in rural areas, have longer commutes, or own an EV.

It is unfathomable to measure the negative impact this will have on people living in poverty, people having to make ends meet owning small businesses that require significant amount of driving and are already overtaxed, farmers, ranchers, small municipalities, outdoor enthusiasts, as well as parents who are trying their best to make ends meet but also drive their children to school in different districts because their home district was outright harmful to their children!

Just because a few people in this state are OK with being double taxed or dreaming about living in 15-minute cities, does not mean I and my fellow Oregonians should be FORCED or COMPELLED to do the same.

I strongly oppose this tax.

Thank you for your time.

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