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We, that is my wife and I, are committed to the fact that HB3362 is not needed and should be deleted from any discussion. There are more than enough taxes in Oregon already. It is the responsibility of the legislature to govern the people for the peoples sake, not tax the people for the governments sake. Let rail transit tickets pay for trail transit. If there is not enough money from ticket sales to pay for rail transit then we don't need rail transit. Rail transit supports a very small portion of this states population and never will support the majority. The majority of the state's population should not pay for what they will never use.

Tire pollution is a minor issue and there is good work being done on tire recycling. What does the state plan to do with the taxes collected for tire pollution? How will the money be spent. This is a situation that will be resolved by free enterprise as someone comes up with a way to economically recycle the tires. It is not a situation that requires the state to collect taxes with no definitive way to spend the collected taxes.

As far as wildlife over/underpasses goes, they cost far more than they contribute. In the La Pine area we see deer and elk on the road all the time but we don't hit them because we drive with caution. We take responsibility for our own safety and don't need or want the state spending millions on overpasses or underpasses that are not needed. I'm over eighty years old and have never hit a deer or elk yet. That is a tribute to my driving skills not some underpass built by the state. It is not the responsibility of the state legislature to try and govern every movement and every activity of the populace. There are far greater issues in this state than wildlife under/over passes.

It is the responsibility of this state's legislature to deal with the basics, not with fantasy.