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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

I write in strong opposition to HB 3362, which would impose a new 4% excise tax on the sale of tires in Oregon.

Oregonians are tax fatigued!

HB 3362 places an unnecessary financial burden on Oregonians to include our public safety services (Fire/EMS, Police, Public Works/Land Use & Transportation) which will be passed on to Oregonians through higher local taxes. Additionally, the proposed tax is yet another tax on a tax given many tire shops currently pay the Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) which is passed on to consumers, thus consumers would be paying the new 4% tax PLUS the existing CAT tax.

For those of us who live and work in unincorporated areas, reliable transportation is not a luxury—it is an absolute necessity. HB 3362 proposed 4% excise tax disproportionately impacts industries that are the backbone of our state, including farming and trucking. These industries rely on heavy-duty vehicles that require frequent tire replacements due to the demanding conditions of their work. By increasing the cost of doing business, HB 3362 threatens to drive up the price of food, goods, and services.

Please OPPOSE the proposed new tax on tires under HB 3362.