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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Joint Committee On Transportation,

I am writing in support of HB 3362. I have witnessed the consequences the results of accidents when vehicles collide with wildlife, especially deer and elk..

Each year, there are 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions with large animals in Oregon.

The best solution is to build more wildlife crossings. Wildlife crossing structures are a proven, broadly supported technique to improve public safety and restore habitat connectivity.

I support HB 3362 as a permanent funding source for the wildlife crossing structures that are much-needed in our region and across the state.

House Bill 3362, proposes a 4 percent tax on vehicle tire sales similar to a past tire tax in Oregon. Estimated to raise \$20 million per year, with a modest individual investment of roughly \$6 per new tire, these funds would support three major efforts to improve environmental quality: building wildlife crossings, preventing tire pollution that is harming salmon and other aquatic life, and improving rail transit.

Sincerely,

Joseph Craig