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On Behalf Of: Myself and my family
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

As a senior citizen and Oregon citizen since 1969 I feel the proposed HB3362 is not a step in the right direction. Putting a tax on tires sold in Oregon for cars and trucks puts yet another burden on we seniors who are already struggling financially to keep our vehicles safe. The cost of tires has escalated dramatically which makes it difficult already and adding a tax only worsens the situation. The fact that the roads here in Central Oregon are in such dire need of repair and are getting worse each winter makes it even more egregious that the planned tax doesn't even address that issue. Without a very efficient public transportation system in this part of Oregon the condition of the roads is extremely important and needs to be addressed for very real safety concerns. We cannot afford to divert funds away from maintaining and improving our highways. I urge you to reject HB 3362 and focus on real solutions to fix our roads. Long term goals for public transit systems should be funded independently from keeping our roads safe.