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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

I am writing to oppose HB 3362.

This tax appears to be a punitive tax, yet again, on drivers of vehicles with the funds being used to fund a transit rail system that is ineffective and marginally reduces congestion. The design of the Metro area's transit system favors the typical suburb to downtown commuter migration patterns that were relevant 20 years ago. But with the mismanagement of Portland's downtown core and the fleeing of businesses to the suburbs, the transit system is not effectively designed to handle this shift to commuter traffic patterns. This isn't a money problem and taxing tires as some way to fix the ill-suited transit system is a waste of everyone's money.

As for this "tire pollution", there are already many ways that tires may be recycled into other products. The only tire pollution I can see is the discarded tires stacked at various homeless encampments around the city.

This tax is another example of government reaching into taxpayer pockets to fund something that can't stand on its own 2 feet without taxpayer assistance. This Bill is a waste of time and solves no real problem. Let's focus on better priorities that benefit all Oregonians.