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On Behalf Of:
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I fervently OPPOSE HB 3362! Our community is on the eastern side of Oregon - Harney County. We have to drive approximately 130+ miles to get to a city of any size - that is 2 1/2 hours of driving one way. We do not have the luxury of living in a populated area where we may only drive 5-10 miles a week. There is substantial wear and tear on our vehicles and tires. We don't have Ubers, rail transit, etc. We drive ourselves. There are a lot of small communities in this state - not everyone lives in Salem, Gresham, Portland, etc.

It is very clear where the originators of this bill are from - highly populated areas. On top of it all to charge a 4% tax on tires for the entire state to go to "rail transit projects" (2/3) and to an "untested tire pollution program" (1/3)?!?!?! Who would actually benefit from these projects?

With housing issues, employment issues and immigration issues this is what you are looking at? Aren't the hard working Oregonians being taxed enough? While representatives are elected to do the best for their districts aren't you also to help keep an eye out on what benefits all the citizens of the state?

You want our money for projects that have nothing to do with us? Please do your homework and work for the good of the entire state. While I do have a lot more to say, it would be unproductive at best.

On a side note, I am a registered Democrat - back when it meant something, when Democrats were for the working people not the entitled self absorbed people with their hands out. I am ashamed of this how this party has changed.