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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed tire tax in Oregon. While the intent may be to fund road maintenance or environmental initiatives, this tax unfairly burdens everyday Oregonians. Tires are a necessity for commuters, families, and small businesses—not a luxury to be penalized. Adding a tax increases costs for those already stretched thin by rising living expenses, especially in rural areas where driving is unavoidable.

Moreover, Oregon's existing vehicle-related fees and gas taxes already contribute to infrastructure funding. Layering on a tire tax feels redundant and punitive, hitting working-class drivers hardest. Instead of taxing essentials, we should explore broader, fairer revenue options—like corporate contributions from heavy road users—or incentivize sustainable tire recycling without punishing consumers.

I urge you to reconsider this measure and prioritize policies that support, rather than strain, Oregon residents.

Sincerely,

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