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On Behalf Of:
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I am opposed to the 4% tax on tires. I live in Harney County and are 130 miles from a town with medical specialists and shopping on a large scale. Our county is geographically large and many of our ranching folks must travel over an hour just to arrive in Burns to get groceries, fuel and supplies. Hence, we go through tires much more quickly than a person living in Bend, Portland, Salem, Eugene or any of your larger towns and cities. This bill expects those of us in Eastern Oregon to fund projects that will not benefit us. We don't have Uber, rail or any public transportation in our small communities. It would be pretty difficult to prevent animal-vehicle collisions in the Eastern part of our state, which is very rural and would never be able to fund such projects at every juncture than may have this type of encounter.

We are already taxed too much by our State for every possible item our legislatures can come up with! I urge you to review how you are spending the dollars you receive from us and make some necessary cuts to the waste.

I strongly urge you to nix this bill!