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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3362. This bill would have a disproportionate

negative impact on family farms and rural communities, placing an undue financial burden on

those who rely on transportation for their daily livelihoods.

A tax on tires, even if limited to highway use, would significantly increase input costs at a time when

agricultural producers are struggling to maintain sustainable operations. While the -1 amendment attempts to exempt off-road tires, many farming vehicles and equipment rely on tires

that may not be covered by this exemption. Additionally, many farms operate vehicles that have

both off-road and on-road uses, making it unclear how the tax would apply.

This added cost would not only affect farmers but all rural Oregonians who must travel long

distances for work, school, groceries, medical care, and social activities. Unlike urban residents, rural communities do not have

access to extensive public transportation networks, making vehicle use a necessity, not a luxury.

By increasing costs for these families, HB 3362 creates an inequitable financial strain on those

who already face limited resources and options.

Oregon's agricultural producers are already burdened with high costs of operation, and this bill

adds yet another challenge, making it even more difficult for farms to remain viable.

Rather than

imposing additional financial hardships on rural communities, the legislature should consider

solutions that support agriculture and rural residents.

I urge you to oppose HB 3362 and protect Oregon's family farms and rural communities from

unnecessary financial strain. Thank you for your time and consideration.