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Howdy

As a small Oregon business owner that has been doing tires for over 25 years and specializes in motorcycle and special event tires. I 100% oppose this bill. With heavy inflation prices over the last few years. And now needing to deal with tariff taxes as most brands and models are imported. The timing couldn't be worse. A set of two motorcycles tires costs an average \$400-\$600 (which is a discounted price, as we have to compete with the internet pricing) and last about 8000-10,000 miles before needed replacing. Motorcycles are the easiest on our roadways and arguably one of the most environmentally, friendly ways of personal travel. Oregon should look at making choosing to ride a motorcycle more appealing for its green footprint and the little space it takes up on our roadways and parking areas.

I worked for Clackamas County for over 13 years paving and doing road maintenance as well as working with tires. The biggest factors to road degradation other than our weather with freezing rain is heavy equipment and studded tires or chains. Electric vehicles are always heavier than their equivalent gas powered model. They do more road harm than a regular car or even a motorcycle. Back in the day I studded tire may have been the right choice for best winter weather driving but modern sipped winter tires are far superior, leaving a studded tire to be the correct choice in bad weather being a very narrow window of time. A studded tire is like a little chisel Breaking up our roadways every time it makes contact. The average car tire has 100 studs per tire, which equals 400 studs chiseling at a roadway, every rotation, which is an average of 8 feet of roadway travel.

Oregon does not need more taxes, it needs to learn how to efficiently manage the money that it has now. It needs to build trust and rapport in its citizens before asking for more money. Please, I beg you to let the people of Oregon get back on their feet and make a living. Thank you for your time. -Adam