

Submitter: Clayton Ketcham  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Clayton Ketcham, and I am a resident and taxpayer in Portland, and am happy to call this beautiful state my home. I am writing in strong support of House Bill 3362.

In these times of uncertainty on the federal level, it is more crucial than ever that this bill is passed to ensure the continued funding of the Amtrak Cascades service, among other transportation in the state. The current administration has signaled that there will be a decreased focus on rail transportation, and that could be very detrimental to the economy and wellbeing for Oregonians, as well as people living in the Pacific Northwest region as a whole.

We should lead by example for the nation, and put money towards transportation by instituting this tax on tires. Now is the chance for this bill to pass. We might not get this opportunity to improve the environment and wellbeing for residents of this state, for a very long time. The state of Washington has already passed legislation improving funding towards Amtrak Cascades service. We should also do the same.

I urge you to vote YES on this bill.

Thank you,  
Clayton Ketcham