Submitter: Elaine Woods

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Re: HB 3362

To: <u>Chief Sponsor and Co-Chair Senator Gorsek</u>, <u>Co-Chair Rep.susanmclain</u>, <u>Co Vice-Chair Sen. Bruce Starr</u>, <u>Co Vice-Chair Rep. Shelley Boshart Davis</u>, <u>Chief Sponsor Ken Helm</u>, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation: <u>Sen. Mark Meek</u>, <u>Sen. Khahn Pham</u>, <u>Sen. Suzanne Weber</u>, <u>Rep. Paul Evans</u>, <u>Rep. Mark Gamba</u>, <u>Rep. Jeffrey Helfrich</u>, <u>Rep. Kevin Mannix</u>, and <u>Rep.Nancy Nathanson</u>

I strongly oppose HB 3362 - have you no mercy?

This tire tax that you are proposing places a huge burden on the people of this state. You want to drain the pockets of everyone who needs to drive a vehicle to get to work, get to the store, raise our crops – and tractor tires are huge - as are the tires of the semi-trucks that bring us our needed goods.

And in addition to this punitive tax on tires, you want to restrict water to our farmers and ranchers, restrict their useage because you think you know better, and tax them more if they use "too much" water. Have you not heard the phrase that "<u>If there are no farmers or ranchers - there will be no food</u>"?! The farmers and ranchers are trying to survive and keep their farms, and all you can think about is how much more money can you get from them, and the rest of the residents of Oregon! Shame on you!

Our PGE rates have gone up, the price of food has gone up, the price of everything is going up, and you want to drain us dry. How dare you try to change where we live and how much we drive! Our businesses are being driven out, and I have lost many friends who can no longer afford to live here.

We will be watching how each one of you votes on this bill, and try to find people to run against you and remove you from office. You only care about your philosophy and not your constituents or all the rest of the people who just can't take anymore.

Your elections are coming up. I advise you to kill this bill and VOTE NO on HB 3362!

Sincerely,

Elaine Woods Beaverton