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As a lifelong Oregonian I have seen many changes, including more and more taxes on us at every step. These taxes are pricing older Oregonians out of their homes, unable to buy their meds and now they want to tax their tires, they won't even be able to drive to their doctor's appointments. As for me all of this is the reality of my life plus at almost 68 years old I still work as a commercial truck driver that happens to own my truck. All of your new taxes including the tire tax is making it harder for truck drivers to make a living. When I bought my truck new in 2000 I had to pay over 17000 dollars in F.E.T taxes and then there is an F.E.T tax on all new tires and now the state wants to get in on the action. This drives up the cost on everything that all Oregonians buy. The state is making it impossible for the poor and the middle class to make a living in what at one time was a great state. Please do not put this tax on tires, look for ways to save money so that the working poor can have a little more money in their pockets. This is also taxation without representation.