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There is a dearth of efforts to protect drivers and wildlife from colliding with each other. I collided with a deer on Highway 22 in 2022 and a local pulled over to offer support. He told my friend who was with me that wildlife collisions are very common in that area, and that a mountain lion had been hit a week or few before. The cumulative cost to unlucky drivers must be immense, not to mention the cost to the animals.

I am in the market for a new set of snow tires currently. A 4% tax on that purchase comes to about \$30. The purchase will last me at least 5 years. That is a fraction of the cost of my collision, and the equivalent of \$0.50 each month if the tires last 5 years. I am okay with this!

In addition to wildlife-vehicle collision reduction, I also support rail transit. As much as I love to drive, I know how dangerous I and other drivers can be. Statistically, driving is one of the most dangerous methods of transportation. I've lost someone I care about to a hit-and-run. My friend lost one of his friends to a DUI accident. I've been in the middle of a well-lit crosswalk at a stoplight intersection and had to shout to get a driver aiming straight for me to notice me. When I feel unfit to drive, I don't drive. I love to ride the bus or train at those times. When traveling far, I trust a train to get me there safely, and easily, more than driving myself.