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I am writing to oppose HB3362. Oregonians already face one of the highest tax burdens in the nation, and additional levies like this bill proposes are unnecessary and burdensome.

For example, when purchasing new tires or disposing of old ones, we already pay a waste and disposal fee—ranging from \$10-20 for the first tire, plus \$2-4 per additional tire.

These fees should suffice for tire-related environmental concerns, yet HB3362 seeks more revenue.

Furthermore, I am concerned about how these funds are allocated. Too often, tax dollars are diverted to projects like light rail instead of repairing and expanding our roads.

Mass transit, while well-intentioned, is often inconvenient, failing to align with work schedules, and has grown less appealing due to crowding, cleanliness issues, and rising safety concerns.

Similarly, pushing electric vehicles has reduced gas tax revenue, lawmakers then proposed new taxes to compensate; HB3362 feels like another step in this cycle. If existing tire disposal fees aren't addressing pollution, where is that money going? Oregonians deserve transparency and practical investments in our roads, not more taxes for questionable priorities.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB3362 and redirect existing resources to improve our transportation infrastructure.