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On Behalf Of:
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Hello members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,
I am writing to strongly support HB 3362 and to ask that you do the same. This bill would provide critical protection for Oregon's waterways and salmon runs, wildlife (and motorists) all for a reasonable and targeted tax on tires.

I live near the I-5 corridor in the Cascade-Siskiyou mountains, where endangered wildlife including the Pacific marten must find a way across the freeway in order to access mates and habitat. Wildlife are often struck and killed, and motorists are sometimes injured or killed too from striking wildlife. I am strongly in support of the wildlife under- and overpasses that some of the funds from this bill would help to build, as they have been proven to reduce wildlife strikes on highways by significant amounts in areas that they have already been installed.

Lastly, expanding rail infrastructure for freight and passenger travel provides a long-term solution to reduce reliance on cars and trucks. Trains are more efficient than road transport, producing less pollution and decreasing overall tire wear.

Please support HB 3362.