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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Members of the Joint Transportation Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3362, which proposes a new tax on tires. At a time when the cost of living is already high, adding yet another tax—especially on an essential item like tires—would place an unnecessary burden on hardworking individuals and businesses alike.

For many, reliable transportation is not a luxury but a necessity. This tax would disproportionately impact working-class families, small businesses, and trucking professionals who rely on safe, affordable tires to keep goods moving across our state. The added cost of \$40-\$50 per set for economy tires may seem small to some, but for those operating larger vehicles, the expense will be even more significant. These costs will inevitably be passed down to consumers in the form of higher prices on everyday goods.

If the goal is to improve transportation infrastructure or environmental initiatives, there are better ways to achieve this without imposing regressive taxes that hit those least able to afford them. I urge the committee to reject this proposal and consider alternative solutions that do not place undue financial strain on residents and businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kalene Templeton