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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3362, which seeks to impose a 4% sales tax on all new and refurbished motor vehicle tires. This tax will place an unnecessary financial burden on Oregonians while failing to address the state's most pressing transportation infrastructure needs.

HB 3362 is flawed in my opinion for several reasons:

**Unjustified Financial Burden on Oregonians –** Tire prices have already risen by 33% since 2020 due to inflation and supply chain disruptions. The proposed tax will only make it harder for families and businesses to afford this essential purchase.

**Misallocation of Funds –** Rather than using the revenue generated to repair and maintain Oregon's deteriorating roads and bridges, two-thirds of the money will be allocated to rail transit projects. The remaining third will be funneled into an untested and vaguely defined "tire pollution" program.

**Failure to Address Critical Infrastructure Needs –** Oregon's roads and bridges are in dire need of repair, yet HB 3362 does nothing to improve their condition. Transportation-related taxes should be directed toward maintaining and enhancing the infrastructure that Oregonians rely on every day.

**Regressive Impact on Low- and Middle-Income Residents –** This tax disproportionately affects those who rely on personal vehicles for work, school, and daily responsibilities. Unlike rail transit, which serves only limited areas, automobiles remain a necessity for most Oregonians, especially in rural communities.

Oregon taxpayers deserve a transportation policy that prioritizes road and bridge repairs rather than diverting funds to projects that do not serve the majority of residents. I urge you to oppose HB 3362 and instead support measures that provide direct benefits to Oregon's infrastructure and economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.