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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3158

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I am opposed to the passage of HB 3158 for a number of reasons. The least of which is the increased cost of housing that would happen as a result of this bill. The State of Oregon has a lack of housing and the estimate is over 100, 000 housing units. Added to this is a problem of renters that have difficulty paying rent to the extent that the State has eviction delays to protect renters which leads to landlords not willing to build more housing units. This is a "Catch 22" for dwellings. The proposed privilege tax and excise on non-road equipment will increase the cost of logging that is essential for home construction. These taxes will not only hurt the construction of dwellings, it will also increase the costs for farming that will increase the costs of food. In these times of inflation and loss of purchasing power, the last things we need are increased costs for basic necessities of food and shelter.

This bill further drives up the cost of living by placing an additional tax on the purchase of tires. This tax is punitive as there is already a tax on tires for disposal. There is no basis provided for an increase in tax for the retail sale of tires. This tax would most affect low income people for a basic need for transportation

I ask that these new taxes be tabled.

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