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HB 3362 Imposes an excise tax on retail sales of tires

I am very much opposed to this. It is going to hurt lower income families significantly. The price of tires has increased in the past few years along with a lot of other goods. Adding more financial burdens to Oregonians is not right. This excise tax on tire sales in particular will lead to more unsafe vehicles on the roads as many people will start pushing off replacing tires until they are absolutely needed or their tires give out while driving. I personally know a lot of families that this will cause further financial stress too. Our cost of living is high here in Oregon to begin with, this will just add to it. Don't add to the burdens of Oregon families that are barely making it.

I recently bought a set of 4 tires for my son's hybrid Civic. There was no way he could afford it. I bought him a lower quality (but not the lowest quality offered) set of all season tires. It cost me \$680 for a set of 4 tires. It was badly needed and as a 20 year old he could not afford it. The excise tax would have added another \$27.20 to the price. That is a tank of gas for his hybrid.

Thank you

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