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Eastern
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Dear Senator Gorsek and others sponsoring the HB 3362 tax on retail sales of tires. We are in support of this bill and so grateful to all of you for continuing to advocate in a powerful way for this rail funding bill. We, as you know from previous testimony over the past 5 years, continue to support all that you do for us in rural Eastern Oregon to improve our access to affordable rail transit options. Our testimony, it should be noted, is for the many in our community who have spent years trying to keep this option alive. Our community has created petitions with over 325 signatures for actions such as this; and, our friends in Baker City have gathered over 1000 signatures from like minded folks.

Our testimony and those of the petitions mentioned above, hopefully, will clearly offset those who are calling in for "less taxes" . This is an amazing beautiful opportunity to continue the work we all have been doingthank you again for continuing to advocate for passenger rail in rural Eastern Oregon. This means a great deal to us....in peace Wilkes and Alice Covey