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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing today in support of this bill, which would provide much-needed funding for wildlife crossings. This tax on tires would not be a burden on drivers, because it only increases the cost of tires by \$6 per tire. With that increase, so much good would be done. Our state is woefully behind in funding wildlife crossings and those same drivers bear the financial burden of car repairs (and sometimes hospital bills) if they have a bad collision with wildlife. I think it is better to pay \$6 per tire to try to prevent a collision with wildlife, instead of a much larger amount after a collision occurs. Oregonians enjoy living here and coexisting with deer, elk and other wildlife, thus we should pay a small amount of money to help ensure the safety of those wildlife. This tax would also go to a tire pollution prevention fund and a fund to improve railways. It just makes sense to pass this bill!

Thank you for considering it.