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The Honorable Gene Derfler
President of the Senate
S-203 State Capitol
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The Honorable Mark Simmons
Speaker of the House
H-269 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear President Derfler and Speaker Simmons:

On behalf of the Task Force on Tire Recycling, we are transmitting the attached final report. House Bill 3909 directed the task force to study, evaluate and make recommendations on the current methods, both private and public, of increasing scrap tire reuse, recovery, and recycling rates in Oregon and analyze the scrap tire markets and market development. The report represents information received from Oregon rubber manufacturers and processors, state agencies, and other state and provincial scrap tire management programs.

Your task force discussed Oregon's recovery rates, the decline in scrap tire recovery, and current successful scrap tire markets. Although discussions were lengthy and opinions varied, all were valuable to the continued development of Oregon's scrap tire recycling and reuse commitment.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance provided by the Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Legislative Counsel Office. Your task force consisted of dedicated and committed non-legislative members and we thank them for their time and energy in delivering this end product to you.

Respectfully,

Timm Schimke
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