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**No Tires in the River: SB 414**  
**Summary of actions for 2024**

Greetings all river friends:

While I don't have good news to bring you regarding our No Tires bill, it is also not all bad.

While our bill failed on a senate committee vote of 9 to 6, I believe we have smoked out the opposition and we can see where the snakes are in the woodpile.

And we can see where we can do better in 2025.

Our bill is well written, being based on the bill that passed in Connecticut, which is based on the bills that passed in Canada. In Canada the plan is working well.

Nonetheless, the tire manufacturers in Canada had to be told to be part of the solution instead of the problem. They are complying with a fair share of whining along the way.

So our biggest opposition was the Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA). The lobbyist is Bret Vassey, either ignorant or an inveterate liar. First, he claimed that the bill would be anti-American because only tires made in the US would be subject to the plan.

Sen Head got back up and read him the language in the bill that stated that all tires made or sold in the US would be covered.

He also claimed our bill would cost jobs. Again, ignorance or lie, since it will take the same number of jobs to comply with the tire plan. Some jobs might be transferred to a different company, but the number stays the same. After all, the number of tires is still the same!

Anyway, we had good words from DEQ, the VDOF, Coastals, JRA, VCN and FORVA of course.

The vote was absolutely crazy. We had 6 Democrats voting against us. They bought the nonsense from the VMA and drank the cool aid. Some supposedly good conservationists voted against us.

But now that we know, I think we can overcome those misguided by the lobbyists.

I will attach the votes so you can marvel at the craziness. If any of you have any reach to any of the nay votes please let us know.

We are ready to start work on the new approach right now.



Bill Tanger, Chair, FORVA