

Hello,

I am writing today to express my absolute rejection of the proposed A7 amendment to Senate Bill 229.

The ability of citizens to approve or reject tax increases through the ballot is a vital part of Oregon government. Creating a “special” election at an unusual time in addition to our normal May and November elections, however, is an affront to our state’s Constitution and an unnecessary and expensive burden on citizen involvement. This is clearly an attempt to reduce the voice of the citizens on crucial matters of taxation – and it will cost additional millions of dollars to produce, mail, and process ballots above and beyond our normal May and November cycle.

I strongly urge all members of the Legislative assembly to reject this proposal and ask that this letter be included as part of the record for Senate Bill 229.

Sincerely,

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