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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or SB1599
Topic:

I am adding my voice and my testimony to strongly oppose efforts to move the SB 1599 tax referendum from the

November 2026 general election ballot to the May primary.

I joined over 250,000 Oregonians in signing the petition to refer this tax to the voters in

November, when the broadest cross-section of the public participates. Changing the election date after citizens have lawfully qualified the measure undermines the referendum process and erodes public trust.

Moving a major tax decision to a low-turnout primary election is not about voter access—it appears to be about managing the electorate rather than respecting it.

** The people participated in the political process, followed the law, met the signature threshold, and earned their right to be heard in November. We expect and even demand that you respect this law as well. **

I urge you to:

- * Respect the constitutional referendum process
- * Honor the intent of the petition signers
- * Keep the vote on SB 1599 on the November general election ballot

Oregonians deserve transparency, fairness, and respect for the rule of law.