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On Behalf Of:

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You can not be the party protecting democracy while simultaneously subverting it when it does not suit you. I did not sign this referendum. My only interest is the preservation of the democratic process and holding our elected representatives to their intended purpose - represent the will of the people who elected you. The will of the people on this referendum is clear: they want to vote on the November ballot. There are very clear and strict rules for these petitions and signature gatherers. Rules even regarding whether signing sheets can be double sided. If all the rules must be strictly followed or else the signatures can get disqualified, then certainly ALL must follow the rules. The petition clearly states it will put the issue on the NOVEMBER ballot. Ask yourselves if this scenario were flipped and this was a Democrat-led referendum and the Republicans wanted to subvert the process and change the ballot date to a time that favors THEM politically. There would be outrage and this would not even make it to this stage of becoming a bill. Listen to your constituency, that is literally the job you were elected to do. Listen and represent the people you SERVE. It is not the other way around. We do not serve you.

You have my information and can check my voting history. I do not submit this as a biased left or right-winger. Adhere to the constitution, adhere to the will of the people. Remember, "No Kings!" That applies to every elected official. It is very clear the people signed this, overwhelmingly, to put it on the November ballot. This is political, all pretense otherwise has long passed. Quit while you're ahead and drop this bill. You are accomplishing nothing besides losing voters. If this is the path forward for the Democratic Party, I can not and will not support it.