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On Behalf Of: Myself and family and the people of Oregon
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I and my family can no longer respect the way the democratically controlled legislature takes the people's ability to control their own future and vote on the referendum we the people voted for. If the democrats continue to disrespect the vote of the people we the people will not forget this November. You as a party took it upon yourself to not do what you knew was the right thing and not approve the over burdensome tax. You knew the people were against it, yet you approved it anyway. The days of not listening to your constituents are over. You made us wake up to your over taxing ways. You put every obstacle you could in the way thinking the people couldn't get it done. We fooled you, we got it done in spite of the efforts of the democratically controlled government and governor. This should tell you of the seriousness we the people took about the tax you wanted to impose on us. Now that you are beginning to see, you want to run from the decision you made to disregard what you knew was best for the people and impose your will upon us, by taking away what we have voted to put on the ballot in November. I will remind you not all of us will forget in November. If you make us vote for the referendum in May once again imposing your will upon us, we will not forget and all you will manage to do is reaffirm, it is your will and not the people's that you represent and not your constituents . Leave the will of the people alone. Vote no on this legislation and start doing what you should have been doing all along, representing what is best for the people of Oregon. Thank you for reading and taking this written testimony in the way it is intended. What is best for the people of Oregon. Thanks again.