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

SB 1599 to move the vote on the \$4.3 Billion Dollar gas tax from your November Ballot to the May Ballot is unacceptable and I believe political gaming of the system. This tax is only necessary because of all the money the state spent giving away our tax dollars in credits for EVs without recognizing the impact on the long term budget and loss of the road tax. TAX AND SPEND DOES NOT WORK! The state must be more responsible and clear where all the money is going. THE CAT tax which the voters were told was a corporate tax has created huge funds for the state, yet there is no clear use of the funds or even public disclosure about how its being use.

THIS TAX in the way it is structured is designed to be the same OBSCURE, HARD TO FOLLOW, AND CLEARLY little accountability.

It is IRRESPONSIBLE TO fast track this vote.

This is clearly designed to us a Special Joint Committee to FAST TRACK their bill through the process and it is unfair. The people of Oregon should get to vote on the tax repeal and their choice of government representation on the same bill.

The record shows that over 250 thousand Oregonians signed the referendum demanding the vote be held in November, and that is what should happen.

We all know that there historically lower voter turnout in the May primary. Moving it to May will make it nearly impossible to gather the necessary signatures to place arguments in favor of repealing Governor Kotek and her Supermajority's \$4.3 Billion Dollar Tax & Fee Scheme in the Voter's Pamphlet.

This is an unfair tax. Oregon residents pay more tax any almost anywhere else in the country and yet we have nothing to show for it.