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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I oppose SB1599 - placing the vote onto the May ballot instead of the November ballot. We signed the appropriate forms, followed the rules set by the State - and now the State is changing the rules. Are you afraid of what the residents of Oregon want?

I get that we need the extra funds to operate our Transportation Dept easily and without change, but to add extra tax to our fuel purchases and double our registration fees and Transit Tax without following through what the ramifications will be is not responsible leadership. It appears to be - that if it's not affecting you personally you really don't care how it affects the residents of Oregon. The same residents that will vote you In or Out of office. The same residents that work for and provide the tax dollars you so desperately need. Businesses are already stressed and oppressed by the rules and regulations and taxes that are in place. We have to layoff employees and cut back and go without on a daily basis just to stay in business. When we don't generate the income needed to run our business, we have to make legitimate sacrifices - just like the State needs to. Are we going to be affected - Yes! Are we going to go without some things - Yes! Will there be family or friends that may lose their jobs - Yes! Hard times require hard decisions with hard outcomes. It is never going to be favorable to everyone, but how it affects everyone needs to be a consideration. How you handle those hard times and how you show that you are trying to do the right thing for the State of Oregon is how you stay in your position of leadership.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts.