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On Behalf Of:
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I am sick and tired of politicians trying to subvert the will of the people. I know Oregon is mostly democrats, but there are conservative republicans who live here too. The people, over 250,000 democrats and republicans alike signed a petition to refer the transportation tax and fee hikes on the November 2026 ballot. Your job is to submit to the will of the people, not try to fulfill your own agenda or jury rig the system to move the referendum to the May election. So, as a resident of Oregon, and your boss, I'm telling you to oppose SB 1599! Make no mistake, Oregonians have made their minds up and the transportation tax will not pass. For all of you who vote for SB 1599, I will personally start recall proceedings for each of you.

I, for one, am taxed out here in Oregon. Every time I turn around, there is a new tax that eats more and more of my income. I have to ask myself, what am I getting in return for my taxes. I get waste, abuse, and overspending from the state. It's insane, and I'm sick of it.

On another topic. It's time to get rid of the mail in voting here in Oregon. It has so much potential for fraud. As an example, in the early 90's, before mail in voting, we would get republican representation in Lane County. Since mail in voting, no republican representation.