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

Last fall (2025), together with 250,000 other Oregonians, I signed the referendum petition to put Governor Tina Kotek's transportation tax and fee hikes on the November 2026 ballot. I went out of my way to sign the petition. It cost me time and money to do so. (Money for gasoline, time away from other work...)

I am against moving the referendum to May or to any time other than November as per the petition that I signed.

I am against ramming through SB 1599, a bill that moves the referendum from the November 2026 election to the May 2026 elections, which have lower voter turnout. What kind of a democracy is it when those in power (given to them by the people) do everything they can to subvert the will of the people?

Oregon law is clear that the referendum must be on the November ballot.