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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
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As a small business owner and 76 year old native Oregonian, I opposed the original tax bill and provided written testimony in opposition. Oregon is one of the most highly taxed state in the country, and it's likely that more taxes aren't the answer to anything - we have a spending problem, not a taxing problem. That said, I supported the Referendum process, and definitely supported its inclusion on the Nov 2026 ballot. The Governor and Legislators have been trying everything they can to foil this Referendum, forcing this tax increase down our throats. This measure to move the vote on it to May is 100% political, and yet another attempt to attempt to kill the will of the people in a low-turnout non-election year mid-term election.

I realize that the Governor and other Democrats don't want this extremely popular Referendum to repeal an extremely unpopular tax increase to appear on the same ballot as their own potential reelection attempts, but we signed the Referendum knowing that it would be on the November ballot.

Please register my opposition to this bill and my disappointment that our Governor and Legislators continue trying to subvert the will of the people.