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

Dear Oregon Senators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 1599. This bill subverts the will of the people who signed to place the tax referendum (Petition ID 2026-302) on the November General Election ballot.

Moving this vote to the May primary or a special election appears to be a deliberate effort to hold the vote during a period of historically low voter turnout. Furthermore, it forces taxpayers to begin payments six months earlier, despite the fact that 250,000 signers and 94% of Oregonians initially expressed opposition to these increases during legislative discussions.

There is no emergency justifying this change, as public information confirms that current budget needs have been met. As our representatives, it is your duty to honor the intent of the voters. I urge you to ensure that Petition ID 2026-302 remains on the November ballot as originally intended.

Sincerely,

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