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On Behalf Of:
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I adamantly oppose adding the Transportation Referendum ballot to the May primary, rather than the November Election. The Oregon Voters have already spoken, to petition and overturn the rollout of the Transportation Referendum to begin with. Then, to push it through a primary vote, when voter turnout is extremely low, is just playing games with the Oregon voters. Oregon voters are already feeling tax burnout, we do not want ANY new taxes or fees. We have already spoken about this measure, that is why the Petition turnout was so high. But, let be honest, we already know that voter turnout is very light during primaries. To add the Transportation Referendum to a primary vote, rather than the General Election, looks as if Oregon lawmakers think Oregon voters are dumb. This looks like manipulation of the voting system.

Let ALL of Oregon's voices be heard by having the Transportation Referendum during the General Election, where voter turnout will be much higher. In the meantime, cut out some of the pet programs that are being pushed through, to fund ODOT. Poor management of Tax payer dollars, should not fall back on the tax payers. Rather, the politicians need to make meaningful changes to programs, program managers, allocation of tax dollars, etc. Treat it like a business, not "we'll just get more money from taxpayers." I say "NO NEW TAXES FOR OREGONIANS." We're done footing the bill for far too many mistakes.