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

Dear Governor & Representatives-

It will be interesting to see if you actually read these testimonies because clearly you did not when you tried to first pass the gas tax. You chose to do what you want and see if Oregonians would just quietly let you continue wasting our money.

My husband and I are small business owners in Oregon. My family has 6 generations that have been born and raised here. We work hard, are involved in our community and vote every single election and make sure our entire family does too. I've never written my legislators until you tried to pass the "Transportation" tax. You clearly chose NOT to listen to the OVERWHELMING majority of your constituents who opposed this tax. Democrats, Independents and Republicans all urged you to prioritize ODOT road maintenance spending and cut all the "other stuff." And so we used our voices to shout louder than our unread testimonies and put it on the November ballot.

DO NOT move this tax vote to May. Your motives are clear in even attempting to move it. Keep it on November's ballot next to everyone who is running for election so voters can see the names very clearly of who has represented their interests and who has not. If you choose to try to shirk taking responsibility for this tax bill & you force it to be voted on in May, you will be utterly amazed both at the turnout in May to vote down this behemoth tax measure and then turn around in November and vote out every member who pushed this through. Oregonians are done with so called leaders who continue to drive this great state off the cliff.

I hope this time around you not only read every single submitted testimony but you take them to heart and change your frivolous spending ways.

Oregonians no longer accept taxation without representation.