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

Dear Joint Special Committee on Referendum Petition 2026-302

My name is Roberta "Robbi" Porter Carey and I am registered voter in Washington County.

I am STRONGLY asking you to vote "NO" on senate bill 1599.

Well over 250,000 Oregonians signed the gas and payroll petition and did so in record time. Prior to this the majority of the Legislators ignored the testimony against the initial bill against these taxes as a means of bailing out ODOTS Budgeting mess. This was never a good solution and Oregonians from all parties; all walks of life quickly got the signatures necessary to put this on the November Ballot.

As a signer on that petition, I signed in good faith knowing that I would have the opportunity to vote on this during the NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION OF 2026. I was not alone in the thinking process, as that is what the petitioners put forth when they presented the referendum. Now you are playing games with the voting public along with the process. Playing games with this referendum along with this process at this time only adds fuel to the fire of distrust with our government and our elected leaders along with our majority party.

You need to honor the will of the voters and the referendum process whether you agree with it or not. Oregon has a referendum process for the very purpose of having a checks and balance on our government to avoid corruption and overreach. This needs to be honored.

In addition, I have heard that this committee is also considering taking the ballot drafting process away from the Secretary of States Office. If this is so, it comes at a very bad time. Oregonians are slowly getting trust back into this office and what has been happening with the electoral process, and the last thing we need is a bunch of "Politicians" taking control of this function of government. This will most definitely inflame the electorate.

Please make sure this referendum goes on the November Ballot where it is designed to be. Just because certain politicians don't want to own their bad decision making on the original transportation bill/package is no excuse to go against the wishes of the voters in Oregon. Keep this on the NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

Thank you

Robbi Porter Carey