

Submitter: Kevin Maden

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kevin Ray Maden, and I am an Oregon resident.

I am writing to express my opposition to the Senate Bill 1599 that would move the vote on Oregon's

no-tax or gas tax issue from the November general election to a May election.

Changing the timing of this vote reduces public participation and transparency.

November general

elections consistently have higher voter turnout and better represent the will of the broader

population. Moving this issue to a May ballot limits voter engagement and risks excluding working

families, rural residents, and others who may be less able to participate in off-cycle elections.

Decisions involving taxes and long-term financial impacts on Oregonians should be made when the

greatest number of voters are paying attention and have the opportunity to participate. Altering the

election timing appears to favor a smaller electorate rather than encouraging full and fair

democratic involvement.

I respectfully urge lawmakers to keep any vote on this issue in the November general election,

where it belongs, and to allow all Oregonians an equal opportunity to have their voices heard.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ray Maden

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