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The power brokers in Oregon have already tried to raise taxes. People gathered over 250,000 signatures in order to get this on the ballot. And now, those same power brokers want to move it to the MAY ballot? The one a huge number of people don't even vote on? NO. The signature forms SAID this was for the NOVEMBER ballot. No bait and switch, folks. That's not ok.

Just because the majority of Oregon legislature members are Democrats (31.9% of the voters) doesn't mean they should have the right to overrule the Republicans (23.6%), and especially non-affiliated (37.2%) and independent (.05%) voters of the state. I don't know what it is going to take to get the people in power to LISTEN to the public! We are raising our voices as loudly as we can by just SIGNING the dang petition! Now we have to write TESTIMONIES to get heard?

Why do they think they DESERVE more of our money? People are already paying too much, and for WHAT, exactly? LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON IT. IN NOVEMBER. AS PLANNED. They keep saying "We're a Democracy!" WELL, how about PROVING it? LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE!