

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

SB 1599 Silences Voters

Dear Representative,

My name is Richard Browning, and I am a voter from Molalla.

After 250,000 people signed a referendum guaranteeing a November vote on transportation taxes, Salem politicians are trying to move the election to May—when fewer voters show up and accountability is lower.

This isn't about efficiency or scheduling. It's about avoiding voter backlash for unpopular tax hikes.

People in communities like Molalla deserve a fair vote on tax increases, not a rigged calendar designed to suppress participation.

Please oppose SB 1599 and stand with voters instead of political gamesmanship.

Yours sincerely,
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