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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

To the Joint Special Committee: I am a lifelong resident of Oregon and took the trouble to sign the Referendum Petition last year. I expected the measure to be placed on the November 2026 ballot because a much wider cross section of Oregonians will be able to express their views on the transportation package. Accordingly, I oppose the attempt to place this citizen referendum petition on the May ballot. Maneuvers like these by the dominant party in Oregon cause Oregonians to lose faith in their democracy. John R. Bakkensen