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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I without hesitation oppose the proposed legislation. The people of Oregon have spoken on the Transportation Measure, and that must be honored. The fact that our government is again trying to manipulate and push their funding mismanagement on to the tax payers and residents of Oregon without proper voting is unacceptable and we should all stand up against these measures. SB 1599 is nothing but an attempt to disregard the will of the people, manipulate their political needs, and prove again that most of our leaders do not care about our opinions.

We are being taxed right out of our homes and this needs to stop and the tax payers should be the only ones to have the final say on these types of bills during the General Election when the majority will use their voice. These should never be on a special mid year ballot of which the majority do not participate. PERIOD! Their budget issues are not our problem and that they don't have sufficient funds due to the inability to properly manage their budgets should not be put on the backs of Oregonians. If a family has a budgeting issue, do they get to go to the state and demand they give them funds to offset their short comings?

ODOT and many other state departments need to start being held accountable by the people for their spending. Living in Portland and seeing a group of 6 or more individuals standing around while 2 people fill a pot hole is not efficient use of funds. They spent millions on bike lane barriers that are in constant disrepair and all while there has been a decrease in bike riders.

Please, allow the the will of the people to have a voice and say no to SB 1599. We deserve better and hopefully all Oregonians stand up against these types of political manipulations. The city of Portland is a good example of what not to do; continually allow for taxation without burden and manipulation of funds after the bills pass. This should never be allowed so please don't let the entire state turn into Portland. Thank you!