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To the Members of the Oregon State Legislature Joint Committee on SB 1599:

I oppose SB 1599 because it feels like an attempt to sidestep the will of voters. Over 250,000 Oregonians signed to put this on the November ballot, when turnout is higher and more people are paying attention. Moving it to May limits participation and makes it harder for citizens to be heard. That's not fair, and it's not transparent. Major tax decisions should be made in a full general election, not rushed through under an "emergency." This looks like political maneuvering, not good governance. Respect the referendum process. Let the people vote in November.

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