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Moving this referendum to a primary election undermines the will of the voters who signed that petition. Primary elections have significantly lower turnout and represent a much narrower segment of the public. A tax that affects everyone should be decided when everyone has the best chance to vote.

This is not about supporting or opposing the gas tax itself. It's about fair process, transparency, and respect for voter intent. When citizens do the hard work of gathering signatures, government should not change the rules after the fact because it's more convenient or politically advantageous.