

Dear Joint Committee On Referendum Petition 2026-302 Members,

I am writing to you today to **strongly** oppose SB 1599. Oregonians came out in droves, *across party lines*, to sign the referendum. While 78k signatures were required, the Secretary of State's office received 250k. And that was in spite of all the shenanigans the governor pulled to limit the number of days Oregonians could sign the referendum! SB 1599 clearly tells Oregonians that the 84th Legislature doesn't care what voters have to say and that our legislators cannot be trusted. At the end of the day, those who support this gas tax nonsense, and are up for reelection, simply don't want their name on the same ballot as the referendum. In addition, it's common knowledge that voter turnout is low in May. Changing the date to manipulate the outcome is dirty politics! I'm embarrassed that Oregon's House and Senate must be watched so carefully to ensure that the will of the people is done. Stop politicking and listen to the people you claim to represent. Please do the right thing!

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