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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
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Legislators:

This testimony is submitted OPPOSING the contemplated change of the “gas tax vote” from the November general election to the May primary election.

The referendum text clearly identifies November as the applicable voting election. The will of 200,000+ Oregonians must be honored in accordance with the very plain meaning of November.

The stated logic of moving this vote to the May general election under the pretext of “getting a clearer funding picture sooner” is nothing short of political subterfuge to avoid having this gas tax share ballot space with certain Democratic candidates. This sort of gamesmanship is as socially acceptable as changing the date of a birthday party after invites have been sent — frowned upon and in poor form.

Oregonians deserve better.

Respectfully,
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