

Attention: Chair and Committee Members

Joint Special Committee on Referendum Petition 2026-302

Testimony of: Dana Hindman-Allen

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Chair and Committee Members,

When the SB initiative referendum petition was submitted to the Oregon Secretary of State, it was **approved for circulation specifically for the November 2026 General Election as Referendum Petition 2026-302**, where voters would decide its fate. That election date was stated in clear, unambiguous language.

Every Oregonian who signed that petition did so **under the explicit understanding** that the referendum would be decided in the **November 2026 General Election**, when voter participation is highest and the electorate is most representative. Changing the election date after signatures were gathered is a **clear violation of voter trust**.

The **Democrat supermajority and Governor Kotex are now scheming to move this vote to the May 2026 primary election**, which amounts to an unacceptable **bait-and-switch**. Voters were never asked to sign a petition for a May primary election. They signed for November.

This maneuver undermines the integrity of Oregon's referendum process. The only apparent reason for changing the election date is political convenience: the measure is widely unpopular, and the Democrat supermajority does not want this referendum viewed, debated, and scrutinized alongside their extreme tax bill in a high-turnout general election.

I strongly OPPOSE moving the election date to May. The people were promised a November vote, and that promise must be honored. Anything less erodes public trust and damages confidence in Oregon's democratic process.

Thank you for your consideration,

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