

Submitter: Rita Russell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

A Plea to the Legislature to do the right thing for your constituents!

It was obvious from the turnout for the recall petitions for the Gas Tax, that we, the people you are elected by, and paid to represent, are tired of being abused by a state government that has run amuck.

I beseech you to vote no on SB 1599, an obvious end run around the will of the people. You all know as well as we do that voter turn out is lower in midterm elections. And it is obvious that you hope that many people, expecting to vote on the tax bill in November, will be caught off guard by it being included in the otherwise dull May ballot.

Furthermore, the despicable idea that you want to replace citizen oversight with your handpicked cronies is evidence that YOU KNOW what the will of the people is, and you are determined to thwart us.

You are driving Oregon into the ground, and driving anyone who can afford it out of the state. We cannot afford to continue along with your business as usual.

Please, step up and do the right thing for us, not Queen Kotek!

Sincerely,

Rita Russell