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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

250,000 Oregonians signed petitions for a November 2026 referendum on this \$4.3 billion gas and tax hike, and that promise should be honored.

Moving the vote to a low-turnout May primary is a partisan move to avoid accountability, not a neutral “process fix.”

Replacing citizen committees with hand-picked legislators who already voted for the tax undermines trust in the ballot and shuts out independent review.

Vote NO on SB 1599 and keep the gas tax referendum on the November general election ballot where Oregonians were told it would be.