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I have grown tired of the disingenuous and myopic behavior of the democrat legislators in the Oregon Legislature. Let me remind you. You were elected by your constituents and sent to Salem to represent them. You were not elected to freelance or do whatever you, personally, want to do. You were also not elected to act as mindless robots and to do the bidding of your party's leader at the state level. You were elected by Oregon voters who want you to represent THEM. I am one those 'them.' Over a quarter million 'thems' in Oregon signed their names on petition sheets to send an unnecessary, unwanted and harmful bill to the NOVEMBER ballot. It stated as such right on the petition sheets! The Secretary Of State's office accepted and verified the signatures on those sheets that said the matter would be placed on the NOVEMBER ballot.

Your Governor sat on HB3991, without signing it, for over a month. There was no urgency. No rush. So, why the urgency now? Why now is there an emergency that didn't exist when the Governor simply let the "emergency" bill sit on their desk? The hypocrisy is deafening.

You, the democrat legislators, have done EVERYTHING you can to force this bill, and portions of this bill, on the very people that elected you to represent them. Public testimony and polling on HB3991 was OVERWHELMINGLY opposed to it. Yet, you chose to ram it down your constituents throats anyway. You did NOT represent the will of the people. You, the legislators and representatives answer to the people. Not the other way around.

Now, the people want what they signed for, and when.

If you don't want your name on the ballot for re-election next to a truly moronic and tone deaf bill, don't force that kind of bill on the people who sent you to Salem. If you insist on pulling stunts like this, be prepared to be held accountable. The rules either apply to everyone, or no one.

DO YOUR JOB. REPRESENT YOUR CONSTITUENTS. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. DO THE RIGHT THING. It's not complicated or difficult.

Keep Ballot Measure 25 on the NOVEMBER BALLOT!