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On Behalf Of:

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Many concerned citizens of this great state, over 250,000 such as myself, signed the petition to repeal Governor Kotec's gas tax and put the tax up for a vote and now Governor Kotec and the Democrats in the legislature are trying to change the outcome by moving the date of the election to suit their position. It's wrong and this manipulation has got to stop.

As an Oregonian who loves this state, it is extremely upsetting to see our current Governor work outside the people's will and the legislature to push through a gas tax on their own without input. Our state already has a very high gas tax (currently \$.40 per gallon) and many people in the lower to middle class who can't afford an electric car are being punished with very high costs. The raise in gas tax would take us from 12th highest in the nation to 8th highest in the nation. I believe that no Oregonian wants the distinction of being in the top highest taxed states in the US. In addition, my thoughts on pushing for electric cars by raising the gas tax is punitive persuasion.

Thank you