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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I write to register a strong oppose to SB 1599. This Bill is a legislative workaround to prevent the voices of over 250000 Oregon voters who, following the process recognized, were successful in placing a Referendum on the gas tax on the November ballot. SB 1599 Seeks to move the vote on the Referendum to May 2026, the primary election, which historically has lower voter turnout compared to November thereby decreasing the chance of the Referendum's success. Also, a May vote would somewhat shield those seeking reelection in November from their support against the Will of the People.

Oregon voters wanted a vote in November and they got it-Vote no on SB 1599