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On Behalf Of:
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Thank you for the opportunity to express an opinion on SB 1599. State Senators should honor the will of the electorate to have the fate of the Gas Tax and related issues settled at a major election in November where more citizens will weigh in and where everyone will have adequate time to present arguments for and against the Tax. That is the democratic way to do business. Our system of government only survives if everyone respects the will of the electorate.

I am very concerned that the ruling party is so brazen with their attempts to thwart our attempts to have a say. It is horrible enough to have our legislature constantly trying to raise our taxes. The ruling party can inevitably do that. But when they add subterfuges to their tactics, it suggests that they are worried about retaining a majority.

Issues like the Gas Tax are opposed by a large majority of all Oregonians, regardless of party affiliation. That says that they should go down to a resounding defeat in November, perhaps along with those who championed them. Let the people be heard!