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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

Michael Keele Testimony in Opposition of SB1599

SB 1599 proposes to move the election date of Referendum Petition 2026-302 from November 2026 to May 19, 2026. I oppose SB 1599 and urge you, as an elected official, to also vote against this bill in support of the 250,000 other Oregon Voters who signed the referendum petition in good faith, believing it would appear on the November 2026 ballot. If approved, this measure would repeal aspects of HB 3991 which generated massive public testimony, almost entirely opposed. Along with 250,000 Oregon signatures in opposition, this is clearly an issue that belongs in a general election where there is a far better voter turnout than May elections. Elected officials who vote against SB1599 will be communicating to voters that they have been heard and that their voice is respected.

Thank you.
Michael Keele