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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

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Dear Committee Members,

First, the issue of funding ODOT in and of itself needs a substantial audit, and more accessibility to the public. My own search shows items such as 4.3 million paid to the University of Maryland, but no one knows why. I would think there are plenty of Oregonians and Oregon institutions that are talented, educated and equipped enough to handle transportation issues within the State without sending money out of the State. Also, a sixteen thousand dollar grant was given to a non-profit for protection of vernal pool fairy shrimp. Finding the location of said fairy shrimp, Not only is it miles from any State maintained roads, there aren't even ANY roads near it. Yet, they get \$16,000 from the coffers of ODOT. How many more unrelated grants have been doled out by ODOT? Death by a thousand cuts is still death.

Second, The People of the State of Oregon in an historical motivation, voiced their desire loud and clear, even in the districts of the super majority. I keep hearing the word "Democracy" being throw out continuously by the super majority, yet they disregard their own words. Now, rather than 1, obey current law, and 2, REPRESENT the PEOPLE, they now desire to make a new law to upend the democracy they so vehemently cherish in their rhetoric. It is blatant that the super majority desire to run things however they see fit, democracy be damned, knowing full well that May elections have dismal voter turnout.

Let the current law stand. Force the super majority to abide by their own tenets.

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