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On Behalf Of:

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Initially despite overwhelming opposition by using a special session Democrat legislators rammed through a bill for the largest tax/fee increase in Oregon's history. Next Governor Kotek waits until the last minute to sign the bill into law to thwart the signature collection process for the referendum. Despite her repressive action we the people obtained a quarter of a million signatures to have our vote on the Nov 2026 ballot. And now once again the democrat legislature is attempting to defy the will of the people by making the attempt to move the vote up to the May 2026 ballot. The adjective "tyrannical", a government or organization that acts without considering the wishes of its people, pretty well describes these actions by this democrat-controlled legislature. It is blatantly obvious that we the people will vote down this excessive unnecessary tax and fee package. Therefore, I suggest the legislature should immediately start working on a plan to adequately fund the DOT. Quite frankly I see there is \$1.5 billion in the kicker. These are so called "surplus funds" which the state has collected but not utilized. It seems to me that there is an allocation problem. The DOT needs \$486 million. The money is there. I believe modifying the allocation process to utilize these funds to apportion the DOT is a commonsense possibility and still would leave a billion dollars in the kicker fund.

Sincerely,
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