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On Behalf Of:

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I am opposed to the fast tracking of the referendum to May 19th. I want the tax bill referendum to be voted within on the original date Nov 3rd where it was originally agreed upon. I feel that the fast tracking is an acknowledgement and one sided political exploitation of the apathetic conditions and laziness stirred into the citizens within Oregon in order to reduce voters turn out. The political conditions and expectations within Oregon have been belittled by some politicians' willful ignorance, procrastination, manipulative bureaucracy, and dishonest feigning have discouraged previous voters from voting at all or seeking information on where and when within the ballot offices they are to vote if they cannot do it easily on regular used days. I feel Governor Tina Kotek and many of her mindless supporters knows that voter turnout is discouraged by ballot offices staffs' lack of information to specified bills will make citizens give up without voting. The purposeful procrastination legal loophole and this measure 1599 used by Governor Tina Kotek were abuses to the will of the citizens of Oregon and reasons for distrust of local state politicians. If local politicians had done everything they could to balance the utilization of taxes they wouldn't need a tax increase. When Governor Tina Kotek lead the paid and unpaid protesters to the ICE federal building it was an open presentation that citizens' tax dollars are being used according to DEI on illegal immigrants first before any citizens' needs or disadvantages. Millions of dollars have been used on food stamps for illegal immigrants and to sue President Donald Trump that could have been used on funding for Bureau of Labor Industries, encouraging businesses to come, ODOT, housing for veterans, rehab facilities that disable drug addiction rather than enable it, veterans services, and disability services. Taxes spent on drug paraphernalia for the homeless are an obnoxious encouragement of worthless cost and could instead utilized instead for the roads. Governor Tina Kotek and like minded politicians should be able to stand next to her intentional mistakes and admit to what they intend to change about themselves and the state when they reapply for reelection with confidence like they have done on every occasion within their terms. Many businesses will leave if respects to this voting process are not done right, because nobody wants to pay large taxes to a state they should not trust especially if they are not allowed to find solutions legally with applied bureaucracy and remaining calm and calculating while state politicians feign interest or spend their time mostly on successful forms of evasion. States and businesses that rely on goods from other states and Oregon will look and find cheaper routes to ship goods along if Oregon passes a bill that costs them more than the goods do alone. Idaho has gas for \$2.50. Discouraging business in a Oregon is destructive to the multiplying masses of Oregonians and the job market is constrained to 3 jobs per career to every 250

citizens and non citizens. Many citizens are having trouble finding jobs that are fitted to their desired careers and are moving to avoid wasting time. Oregon and state infrastructure do not profit from arrogance and the financial gouging of citizens especially if citizens don't get their money back after it forcibly goes to undocumented charities. The Oregonian government needs to regain the trust of the Oregonian citizenship through faithful and honest engagement and financially productive activity rather than empty grandstanding with politicians' hands in citizens pockets. Redistribute the taxes you already have to investments that in rich actual citizens. Respect the citizens procedure to legally apply for a better life in Oregon, because failing to do so encourages violence, deception, and making conditions by force.