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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I am writing today in hope that the Oregon legislature will listen to the people of Oregon. Oregon is diverse in many ways, but there is agreement among the citizens of the Beaver state, no matter where they live or how they are politically affiliated that we want to vote on the 4.3 Billion dollar tax measure passed in the special session summer of 2025.

It started with Governor Kotek calling the Special Session and wasting time and taxpayer dollars to pass a tax measure that Oregonians overwhelmingly oppose. The Governor further disregarded the will of Oregonians by stalling to sign the bill. Then democrats in the legislature created a special committee to push through SB 1599.

The truth is many elected leaders are working harder than ever to thwart the will of Oregonians-it is disgraceful and shameful. The short legislative session was designed to address critical issues facing Oregonians every other year in the biennium. Instead democrats have been using their power to play political games and extort more money from taxpayers.

The petition signed by 250,000 Oregonians in 38 days is clear. We want to vote on this ridiculous 4.3 billion dollar tax measure in November 2026. Nonetheless, Governor Kotek and Democratic leadership have been employing partisan tactics to oppress the will of Oregon citizens. The fact that democrat legislators have spent even one minute trying to change the vote on this tax increase is absolutely belittling to Oregonians.

Sincerely,
Leanne Bradshaw