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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

I oppose this effort by the Oregon legislature and Governor Kotek to work against the will of the people. Oregonians were quite clear and specific in their referendum petition that the contemplated gas tax, and other associated taxes proposed by the legislature and Governor Kotek, must be heard and put to a vote of the people in November 2026. It is time for the elected representatives of Oregon to take heed and respect the instructions and will of their constituents. The election day should remain in November 2026 as set forth in the referendum petition.

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