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On Behalf Of:
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Topic: SB1599

I am opposed to SB1599. This is quite clearly a political move by Democratic leadership to subvert the will of the 250,000 Oregonians who signed the petition. As a lifelong Democrat I feel the leadership of my party is failing. It seems that having a supermajority has caused Democratic leaders to become increasingly arrogant and unwilling to step outside of many ideological bubbles to listen to their constituents. This senate bill is yet another example of not caring about the people they're supposed to represent and instead using political gamesmanship to get what they want. After 40 years of giving my vote to this party without a thought, it's over for me. There are issues that I disagree with Republicans on, but I am convinced that supermajorities do not result in good governance. I will be voting against Democrats in May and again in November and will continue to do so until we have balance in political representation in Oregon. It's a strategic move, but that is what happens when a party forces ideological beliefs upon its citizens and over plays its hand with ridiculous gamesmanship like this bill.