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2026-302

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The bill 2026-302 moving the Gas Tax state wide vote from November to May is not surprising. My regard for politicians is very low and this bill confirms my observation of Oregon legislators . This bill says to the citizens of Oregon that their rights are not to be respected and their efforts to show their “leaders” their desire to participate in the process of governance is to be thwarted.

I worked on the campaign to gather signatures to put the gas tax on the NOVEMBER ballot. Oregonians who signed the referendum were of ALL party affiliations. All the paperwork and the media blitz said that the gas tax will be on the November ballot. To change the vote from November to May is a clear message to your fellow citizens/ constituents that you disrespect their wishes. It is a slap in their face.

This move is not only weasely, it shows that the Oregon legislators are too lazy to figure out the budget. Work within your means like every Oregonian has to do in their personal lives.

This effort to thwart Oregon citizens is the wrong move. Do what you said when you initially went to Salem: represent your constituents. We have spoken. The gas tax vote should remain on the ballot in November.