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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today as a very disappointed Oregonian. Time after time I feel the will of the people has been ignored. When the governor called an emergency session last September to force through a bill that was largely against the will of the people, our so called representatives ignored us and pushed it through. The governor then took her sweet time to sign this "emergency bill" and waited until the very last minute to sign it in to law. I believe the people of Oregon spoke loud and clear with the amount of us that came out to sign the petition, in the little amount of time given, to get the referendum put on the November ballot. After all we are the ones that will foot the bill, why should we not have the final say? Again, I feel as if we are being ignored by trying to once again rush it through and put it on the May primary ballot. That is not what we signed those petitions for. We want it on the November ballot right next to all the representatives up for reelection that ignored our wishes not once, or twice, but three times now. I believe the people of Oregon have spoken and have the right to be heard. I leave you with one question to ponder. By bypassing the will of the people, who is it that you represent? I do hope that your constituents see how you have behaved and voted and I sure hope they remember that YOU were elected to represent them. Not a party, not the governor and certainly not special interests. I urge you to do what is right and leave this vote to the will of the people on November 3rd.

Thank you for you time,  
Alyssa Strahle