

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

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to oppose SB 1599 and request that we keep the Referendum on the November Ballot.

I'm sure the case has already been made 100's of times as to the "Why" here. I'm going to ask you, I'm going to implore you, to take a step back and think about the impact moving this petition will have on the people of Oregon. I'm not talking about the reasons you've been using to justify the move, I'm talking about what this says to the people who stood up, voiced their opinion, and followed the rules. By moving it to May, you're saying "Thank you, but your vote, your opinion, your voice does not matter. We make the rules". Please don't do that. PLEASE, PLEASE don't do that.

You stand here, at a pivotal moment in Oregon's history, when people feel so isolated from their government, from their legislators with the ability to pause the politics and say "We hear you and we see you". Please don't let them down. Let's do the right thing and honor their voice.

-Chad Parker