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The public has clearly spoken out on ODOT funding, the measure to move the date of the vote from November to May is a blatant attempt by the governor and the legislators to hide or shade their accountability for the proposed ODOT funding measure that so many Oregon voters dislike. If the large tax increase that was proposed and supported by the governor and the legislators is such a good idea and is so important for the state why not have the referendum on the same ballot with the supporters that are up for reelection? The November election will have a larger voter turnout than a May election, doesn't that give the supporters a larger audience to persuade. If everyone in the government that supported the ODOT funding proposal doesn't have the confidence to appear on the ballot with the repeal referendum what does that say about the funding bill in the first place? Oregon legislators have a long history of not listening to what the citizens have to say, how many times have we seen hundreds of speakers testify in opposition to bills that the State is pushing only to have the members in the legislature vote the way they wanted to in the first place. Oregon doesn't have much of a representative form of government, please for once listen to what we have to say.