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

We (wife and I and two relatives) were initially against any increase in taxes to support ODOT, and signed a petition to get the issue on the November ballot. We do not consider a work-around ethical, and do want to see our intention honored by being able to cast a vote in November. The State has plenty of money to fund ODOT: (1) Stop spending any taxpayer funds for DEI indoctrination. (2) Stop funding Planned Parenthood. (3) Across the board in State agencies eliminate a host of not-needed positions that characteristically fall under the heading of "Administrative Assistant" or the like. Stop paying for abortions for illegal aliens. Work to reduce any expenditures of taxpayer funds for non-citizens who have shown disdain for our laws and entered this Country illegally. Of the 36 counties in Oregon more than 30 do NOT want to support people who come here with the expectation that the citizens of this State will provide for their needs. We need to do more to care for our own citizens, especially seniors, folks with medical needs, and more. Use the money saved by doing what is suggested in the foregoing and there will be quite sufficient funds for ODOT and more. You in the legislature are public servants, not lords, and we respectfully request that you begin the honor the will of the citizens across this (once) great State rather than favor the voting block in our most populous areas, together with those who have come here without regard for the laws of the U.S.A. Let's put Oregonians first, please!