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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 - ALL,

After governor kotek waited to the very last moment to sign the Gas Tax Bill - Oregonian, state wide, jumped to action to sign/submit petitions that would allow Oregonians the right to Vote on such a massive 4.3 BILLION tax increase. Oregon voters were successful in collecting 250,000 signatures (this alone should tell anyone where Oregonians fall on this 4.3 BILLION dollar tax increase) to have this referendum added to the November 2026 ballot for voters.

The November ballot would reach MORE Oregonians, as the May ballot is typically used for 'special/urgent circumstances' and not as many Oregonians would participate in an 'emergency' ballot.

Oregonians have a RIGHT to vote on massive increases in taxes - not have the present state government push the bill through and into law. This would be taxation w/out representation, in my opinion.

The current state government has forgotten that they work FOR Oregonians and NEED to listen to their citizens - much better than in the past.

Do NOT allow the current government to stifle the voices of the Oregonians who worked tirelessly to gather signatures to get this one the NOVEMBER ballot so we can VOTE!

Oregonians are tired of living in the highest taxed state in the union.

Thank you for allowing Oregonians to have their voice back by KEEPING this Referendum on the November 2026 ballot!

Kind regards,  
Cindy Weinant