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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

Co-Chairs Jama and Gomberg, and Members of the Committee

I SUPPORT SB 1599

I strongly support moving the election date to May so the Legislature can know the outcome in a more timely way, and plan accordingly. Maintaining our transportation system is vital for our economy, including the food and goods moving around and the tourism economy that brings outside money in. Workers will want to know if they are losing their jobs as soon as possible, and if so, we will lose substantial experience.

Opponents of the bill were able to secure thousands of signatures in a short time last fall; they would still have at least 2 months to rally their supporters. I have myself been flooded with dramatic calls to oppose this bill. It appears there is already a network in place.

I do support the proposed transportation tax. An additional 6 cents a gallon, and increases in registration fees etc. is a small price to pay for well-maintained roads, sidewalks for children walking to school, and bike lanes which help avoid more greenhouse gases, contributing to our very serious climate crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

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