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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I oppose SB 1599 because 250,000 Oregonians signed petitions to place the \$4.3 billion gas and tax hike on the November 2026 ballot, and that promise should be honored. Changing the vote to a low-turnout May primary is not a neutral process fix. It limits participation and avoids accountability on a major tax increase.

Replacing independent citizen committees with hand-picked legislators who already supported the tax further undermines trust in the ballot process. Oregonians deserve a fair, transparent vote in November as originally promised. Vote NO on SB 1599.