

June 25, 2020

Dear Co Chairs Courtney & Kotek and Members  
First Joint Legislative Special Session:

**“If this country doesn’t give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it!”**

That was the declaration of “Hawk” Newsome, President of Black Lives Matter, New York yesterday. Does any of you have the slightest doubt at this point that this is exactly what “Hawk” and his thugs have planned? It’s what they’ve been doing with impunity for the past month.

Rather than address this real threat, you are going to pass legislation such as HB 4208 to further restrict the ability of police to deal with it.

Rather than address the abject failure of our state and local governments to protect their constituents and their properties, our governor refuses to call up the resources necessary to quell the destructive violence in our communities because “that’s what Donald Trump wants.” (her words).

Rather than fair treatment for all, Governor Brown’s Covid-19 decrees apply only to law-abiding citizens. Mass gatherings of looters, rioters, arsonists, anarchists, BLM ‘protesters’ and Antifa terrorists get a pass.

Rather than promoting transparency and open dialog with Oregon citizens, you’ve slapped “emergency” clauses on all the bills being considered.

And you wonder why so many citizens have no faith in government. Shameful beyond words!

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