

Dear sirs:

In this time of increased political strife in our nation and in our state, please consider the importance of protecting a robust, healthy dialogue of differing opinions. A one-party state, such as seems possible in Oregon, kills that possibility. A loyal opposition is insurance that all parties are striving to act in the best interests of all.

As a Republican precinct committee person, I personally would not want to totally extinguish the Democratic party. I would want both parties to be viable and able to mount credible challenges. Democrats should want the same.

If people feel they have lost all ability to act and have any success at all in the political realm, they will look for other ways to not be silenced. History itself teaches us that.

Wishing you all due wisdom and discernment in your deliberations,

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