

My name is Dr. Amber Keyser. I live in Bend, and I help lead Indivisible Bend, a group of about 1000 people throughout Central Oregon.

Our mission is to create a grassroots community of activists who support candidates and policies that advance justice and liberty for all.

I'm testifying today because we need the legislature to move forward on really important bipartisan issues like wildfire response, drought management, pandemic relief, and rural broadband. My region is not being served when our lawmakers don't show up to do the work of governing.

They are supposed to show up and work to shape bills that serve their constituents and then give those policies an up or down vote.

When our lawmakers walkout, this work doesn't get done, but taxpayers still have to pay. I think the walkout last session cost us something like \$500,000. What a waste of precious resources.

I'm testifying today because my organization wants there to be serious consequences for lawmakers who refuse to do the job we elected them to do.

We support fines, taking away compensation, banning people who don't do the job from running again, and we certainly support eliminating the quorum rule.

We need this governing body to actually do the work of governing and that means showing up not throwing a tantrum. I urge you to continue to push forward on Senate Bills 261 and 262 as well as SJR 3 and 4.

For all the rest of us, if we don't show up to work, we don't get paid or we get fired. The same should hold for this body.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak in support of this legislation and on behalf of Indivisible Bend.