

I support the expulsion of Representative Mike Nearman. I urge you to act quickly and decisively to deservedly expel Mr. Nearman. As a lifelong Oregonian, whose public education involved several field trips to a storied State Capitol, what Representative Nearman did on December 21, 2020, was an insult to everyone proud to call Oregon home. I'm embarrassed for this Committee that you must consider expelling Representative Nearman at all, and that we haven't seen his resignation instead. Representative Nearman's narcissism and complete inability to be accountable for himself has cost our state tremendously. I'm a strong believer in due process, but the fact Oregon continues to use a penny of resources or a second longer to consider Nearman's reckless fever dream of martyrdom is what will be shamefully remembered. He will never be an answer on Jeopardy. No workplace in Oregon should ever be as unsafe as the Capitol was on December 21, 2020. I stand with this Committee in unity, I value your safety and service to our state, along with everyone who reports to the Capitol. I'm urging you to please take a clear position and decisive action to tell Oregonians that the premeditated acts of December 21, 2020, will not be tolerated in our state, now or ever. Thank you for your time today.