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Testimony on the expulsion of House Representative Mike Nearman 6.9.2021

When I started working on behalf of the Oregon Firearms Federation, Republicans controlled both Houses. And it was Republican "leadership" with whom I had many battles.

Much changes, much stays the same.

In all the years I have worked for and against legislation in this state, doing what I could to stand up for the civil rights of the best Oregonians, I have never witnessed the craven, cowardly, dishonest, and repellent behavior I have watched in the 2021 session.

The ruling party continues to do all it can to turn Oregon from a free and diverse state into a festering toilet, while residents of our cities consider a move to Guatemala to improve their living conditions, and our police leave in droves. Meanwhile most of Oregon's elected officials are in a competition to see who can be the most disgraceful.

And now the elite fawn over, protect, and lionize the destructive, mindless, nihilists who rule our streets, while virtually every single piece of legislation, no matter how innocuous, is used to batter Oregonians into believing they are evil racists who should spend the rest of their miserable lives groveling for sins they did not commit. We are watching the final act of the most embarrassing legislative session in Oregon history.

It's not a surprise that the ruling party would demonstrate, day after day, their almost incomprehensible hypocrisy. That is what they ran and got

elected on. But it's the *minority* party that should feel shame for their complete refusal to stand up for *anything*.

Republicans in solid, safe, conservative districts vote over and over for evil policies in the mistaken hope that they will curry favor with their overlords. They are pathetically mistaken.

So, while the left makes sure their staffers pay no price, and indeed get rewarded, for engaging in criminal behavior while part of a riotous mob, a principled man gets railroaded for the "crime" of opening the door to the people who *own the damn building*. The people who have been locked out of a process that is destroying their state by power hungry tyrants and the sycophants who refuse to confront them.

As the rights, freedoms, property and dignity of working Oregonians are stripped away by a vociferous machine, Republican "leadership" crawls into the corner and whimpers.

But hey, 2 million bucks is 2 million bucks.

Not a single Republican House Rep has displayed the slightest shred of integrity. And not a single one of them deserve to stand in judgment of Mike Nearman. Nearman stood bravely beside the people he was elected to represent, clearly he would have been far better off trying to hustle a date with a pretty legislator. The price for that is far lower.