

Dear Committee Members:

I respectfully submit my written testimony in opposition to HR3. I requested to appear before you live via video. Unfortunately, because the registration to participate required that I indicate my stance; I am confident that no time would be allotted for me.

I am 100% opposed to HR3!!! Your attempt to expel State Representative Mike Nearman is uncalled for and threatens the sanctity of elected office. You all were elected by the people to represent the people. You are all employees of the constituents and as such have no authority to “fire” a fellow co-worker. At the end of my testimony, I have listed articles that show how much more violent Democrats truly are.

*Let the following sink in* -- because your Employers (voters) will be working very hard to unseat each one of you. Democrat, Republican, we don’t care. This stunt of yours will generate a whole new group of new legislators, who will be ready to truly represent the people. YOU HAVE FAILED!!

State Representative of District 23, Mike Nearman has done nothing wrong. On December 21, 2020, he went out a side door of THE PEOPLES’ House. He at no time held a door open for anyone. If all of you cannot be held responsible for anyone else’s action, then that also applies to Rep. Nearman. Are the Capitol police going to be held responsible for not doing their jobs in securing the building? The retired elderly women that were shoved to the ground? The elderly lady with asthma that had to be taken to safety because of the pepper spray the officers sprayed the crowd with? The disabled elder man that was pushed to the ground and his service dog thrown like a dirty towel? The gentleman that peacefully surrender even after he was hit in the forehead with a projectile; he was arrested and did he receive medical attention? The list goes on and on. Will Speaker Kotek be held responsible for all the people injured on that day by Capitol police?? If Rep. Nearman was not able to leave the building then maybe you all should be charged with attempted kidnapping?? Was he fleeing from a bad situation within those tyrannical walls?? Representative Nearman was elected by District 23 and it should be left to the voters to unseat him. They have other options to remove him, you all are not part of that. If you all vote to expel him, you will be setting a precedence that will impact our legislation permanently. Next expulsion, might be you!

As a member of the BIPOC community I find your behavior appalling. I will fear for my life because I know you all will not protect my constitutional rights. I stand with State Representative Mike Nearman.

**NO ON HR3!!!!!!**

Sincerely,  
Janira Brannigan

**Additional references:**

**DEMOCRAT:** Speaker Tina Kotek’s staffer arrested. [Staffer for top Democratic Oregon lawmaker arrested in Portland riots \(msn.com\)](#)

**DEMOCRAT:** Former State REp. Diego Hernandez history of harassment: [Oregon Rep. Hernandez resigns amid harassment claims \(msn.com\)](#)

**DEMOCRAT:** State Rep. Witt hostile work environment: [Pamplin Media Group - Speaker removes Rep. Witt from 3 Oregon House committees](#)

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