

Dear Committee Members,

No elected leader has the right to decide to endanger his colleagues and yet that is exactly what Rep. Nearman did when he "exited" the capitol in such a way that armed protestors were able to enter the building and attempt to subdue those whose job it was to maintain security. Recent videos of him unabashedly detailing for the audience how he would strategically allow protestors to enter the building suggest he has no respect for the office, his colleagues or the law. The fact that he initially denied acting with intention, when later video evidence suggests otherwise, also demonstrates his lack of integrity and honesty. I hope that the investigation by the committee and law enforcement more fully investigates his cell phone records and other correspondence in order to understand to what degree he orchestrated his actions with other organizations and individuals who perpetrated similar crimes in other state and the nation's capitol over the past year.

Thank you for taking the bold step to expel him from the legislature. His constituents (and the state) deserve a true leader who will act in good faith to uphold their charge, not an extremist who abuses his position and power.