

Dear Members of the Oregon House Special Committee,

My name is Will Layng, I live in Northeast Portland, and I strongly urge the members of the House Special Committee on December 21, 2020 to support HR 3 and move to expel Rep. Mike Nearman from office. The record is clear at this point, Rep. Nearman opened the door for violent rioters to attack the Capitol and State Police while threatening lawmakers and Capitol staff, endangering the safety of all in the Capitol.

The members of this committee have a clear choice and a clear duty: Not only has Rep. Nearman been criminally charged for "unlawfully and knowingly" opening the door to rioters, the legislature's own investigation found he acted intentionally.

The groups he let in have a long history of espousing racist, xenophobic and misogynistic views. Actions by these groups over the last few years show that they are a threat to our democracy and safety and public officials like Rep. Nearman should know better than to work with or for them.

I want to applaud House Republicans for calling on him to resign. If he does not, he should be expelled immediately.

Rep. Nearman does not deserve to be in office. To keep the Capitol building and our democracy safe he needs to be removed from office per the Oregon constitution.

Sincerely,

Will Layng