

As the Chair for the Polk County Democrats, I hear from Democrats across HD 23 that they feel they are not represented at this time. Their representative Mike Nearman has been stripped of his committees, and has been showing up to only vote "no" lately on any bill, whether or not it's supported by his own party. He put the Capitol in danger with his actions, and he has never apologized or taken responsibility for it. He blames the fact that he disagrees with the decision to close the building for COVID-19 protocols. He feels that he is entitled to make decisions above the law, planned this "Operation Hall Pass" and then did it. Polk County has the largest number of voters in HD 23 of the 4 counties in the district. These voters deserve representation from someone who is willing to show up to work and keep their fellow co workers safe by following the rules of the Capitol, whether or not they agree with them. They deserve to have someone voting with care on their behalf, and doing the work of a Representative by being allowed to work on committees. They deserve to see Representative Nearman held responsible, where he is not willing to hold himself responsible. They deserve to see that if a lawmaker breaks the law and puts people knowingly in danger, that he will be fired. It's time for the constituents of HD 23 to have an actual Representative working and voting on their behalf. This is the bare minimum. Representative Mike Nearman must be expelled and replaced for the constituents of HD 23.