

I strongly urge the members of the House Special Committee on December 21, 2020 to support HR 3 and move to expel Rep. Nearman from office. Rep. Nearman literally opened the door for violent rioters who have a long history of racist, xenophobic, and misogynistic views to attack the Capitol and State Police while threatening lawmakers and Capitol staff. 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. It's honestly embarrassing that it has taken so long to expel this man from the Oregon legislature. It is a privilege to serve the people of Oregon, not a right.

I mean, there is literally video evidence of him planning the attack. His actions put people's lives at risk and resulted in injury to police. I wish I could say that I applaud Republicans for asking him to resign, but like this hearing, the calls have come much too late. If he will not resign, he needs to be expelled, effective immediately.

I hope this committee does the right thing. Thank you.