

I am writing to 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 does not stand for democracy, and his actions endangered not only Oregon's elected leaders, but also every staff member and employee who serves the Capitol. Opening the door for violent, armed rioters is a clear violation of his duty. Your duty as members of this committee is to ensure that justice is served and that Rep. Nearman is removed from office. 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.

Perhaps most importantly, he was caught on video planning the attack. His actions were dangerous, underhanded, and threatening. This is sabotage of our democracy, and particularly dangerous since the groups he let in have a long history of espousing racist, xenophobic and misogynistic views -- putting women and non-white Capitol workers at extreme risk.

He does not deserve to be in office. To keep the Capitol building safe he needs to be removed from office per the Oregon constitution.