

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, armed rioters 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. His actions put people's lives at risk and resulted in injury to police. The groups he let in have a long, dangerous history of espousing racist, xenophobic and misogynistic views.

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. Misconduct and disrespecting the safety concerns of other officials and patrons is a clear indication of Rep. Nearman's lack of fitness for his office. He needs to be expelled for the good of everyone.