

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.

Although Oregonians may strongly disagree on many issues, we must all follow the rule of law. We must all respect the outcomes of our Democratic process. We don't always get our way. Virtually no one always gets exactly what they want from their elected representatives, it is a fact of adult life. IT IS NOT OKAY TO TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS BECAUSE YOU ARE FRUSTRATED ABOUT BEING IN THE MINORITY. Violating Capitol security and putting lives at risk is a very serious offense and needs to be taken seriously. Rep. Nearman should not in any way benefit from white male privilege, or from the privilege of being a Representative. He should face the same consequences that a black or brown teenager would face as a result of these behaviors.

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.

Perhaps most importantly, he was caught on video planning the attack.

His actions put people's lives at risk and resulted in injury to police.

The groups he let in have a long 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.