

Dear Members of the Special Committee:

I am writing to encourage you to support HR 3 and vote unanimously to expel Representative Nearman from office. His premeditated actions allowing the breach of the capitol on December 21st have not only confirmed his longstanding disregard for functional government and civil society, but have also revealed a reckless willingness to support violence against our democratically elected representatives in Salem. Just like every Oregonian--our public servants deserve a safe workplace, free of violence, harassment, and intimidation. Likewise, Oregonians deserve a legislative process that functions freely and without the specter of mob intimidation. Representative Nearman has aligned himself with violent extremists who do not respect our democratic processes, the rule of law, or the people elected to do the state's business. As such, he should be barred (permanently) from holding any office or authority in this state. His actions are a stain on both his party, and the institution of good government. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject his support of terrorist tactics and expel him from office with due haste.

Respectfully,

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