

I stand in strong opposition of this disgusting act of political abuse and premeditated assault on the character of a well respected representative of We The People. This is a mockery of our political system and a slap in the face of every Oregonian. The only ones who engaged in any criminal acts that day are a couple random people outside the Capitol that did not inflict any personal injury but property damage that any respectable person would denounce and the responsibility for which falls on no one but those individuals who acted on their own. More importantly though, the true crime that has taken place is the direct violation of not just the Oregon Constitution (Article IV, Section 14) and ORS 192.630. Our state's constitution clearly states that the session was to be OPEN to the people and that the houses adopt rules ensuring as much. To keep the people out of the legislative process is an abuse of legislative position and a crime against the people of Oregon. Anyone who knowingly votes to violate our Oregon Constitution and weaponizes law enforcement against the people has NO place in the legislature and represents NOT the people but their own selfish interests and personal agenda. The last group of people that committed a crime that day was law enforcement themselves who did not uphold the law but actively broke it by assaulting the people who were there to exercise exercise right to be a part of the process. There is NO exception in ORS 192.690 that was applicable to the session on December 21st and therefore NO excuse to keep it closed. To claim that any alternative to IN-PERSON is in compliance with the legislative session being open is manipulative and dishonest. Up until recently, OPEN has always meant IN-PERSON. To play word games at the expense of the People's authority to govern themselves and participate in the legislative process is anti-American, anti-Liberty, anti-Justice, and has NO place in this state.

To walk out of a building is not criminal. To voice an opinion on what may or may not take place on any given day is not criminal. The criminals are the ones spearheading this action today. Every single legislator that day should not have been sitting in their desk partaking in a fraud of a session but walking downstairs to HOLD OPEN THE DOORS and welcome the people, whom they claim to represent, into that building. No virus suspends our rights.

I AGAIN stand in STRONG OPPOSITION to this action and in full support of Representative Mike Nearman who should not be expelled but instead deserved a full public apology.