How many more times will the minority party derail the work that the majority of Oregonians want from their government? Oregonians face unprecedented challenges — from the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, severe winter storms, flooding, and more. These challenges demand all of our elected officials to set aside their differences and work together to move Oregon forward. It's not the time for political games. The most recent walkout is a good example of a GOP principle that has no basis in science or public health, that is the demand that all schools open for in-person instruction. despite the fact that only 4% of students nationally live in counties where transmission is low enough for schools to re-open safely according to CDC guidelines. These are nothing more than political games and our state should not tolerate lack of accountability from legislators to define our future. Thanks for your consideration,

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