

I am writing today as a concerned citizen to implore the Legislature to pass HB 3 and expel Mike Nearman from the legislature. Not only did his actions put civilian servants' lives in danger, his actions are also a dog-whistle to bad faith actors in our community who seek to embolden others with their racist, xenophobic, and misogynistic rhetoric. 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. By his own actions, he has forfeited his duty to the electorate by placing other's lives in harm's way. He does not deserve to be in office and should be removed per the Oregon constitution.