



# OREGON BIPOC CAUCUS

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### **Legislative BIPOC Caucus Statement on the One Year Anniversary of the Attack on the United States Capitol**

SALEM, OR -- The Legislative Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Caucus released the following statement in response to the anniversary of the insurrection on the US Capitol and attack on our democratic institutions:

“One year ago today, violent insurrectionists sought to overturn the results of a free and fair election by storming the United State Capitol. These events were all too familiar after some of the same individuals attacked the Oregon State Capitol weeks before.

“A year later, we wait for accountability for those who organized, encouraged, and participated in seditious activities, including former President Donald Trump. When extremism goes unchecked, it emboldens hateful and violent activities. We call on the Oregon Department of Justice and their federal counterparts to use their full authority to address this growing threat.

“Politicians across the country continue to peddle debunked theories about the security of the election in areas with high turnout from BIPOC communities. These are blatant attempts to silence our voices and our hard-fought right to vote.

“BIPOC Caucus members Representative Teresa Alonso León (D-Woodburn) and Representative Winsvey Campos (D-Aloha) traveled to Washington D.C. [this summer](#) to advocate for the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and urge Congress to prevent the rollback of voting rights protections across the country.

“It will take all of us to defend our democracy on behalf of our children and future generations.”

#### **Caucus Members**

Senators: Lew Frederick, Kayse Jama, Akasha Lawrence Spence, James Manning

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