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### **Statement From House Republican Leader McLane, Deputy Leader Barreto** *Republican House Leaders Urge Oregonians To Stand United*

**Salem, Ore.** - "Over the past week our state has witnessed an increase in ugly rhetoric and violent behavior. Protests in Portland have led to violence and property destruction. Students in our schools have seen a spike in prejudiced and hateful words and actions. Oregonians have pit themselves against Oregonians. This behavior is not only wrong, it runs counter to the values of the Oregon we know and love.

"Too often in times like this, we are quick to point the finger at the other side. It can be so easy to let the lowest common denominators among us define our opinions of entire communities. But if we allow ourselves to only see the worst in each other, our state and our country will never heal from the divides that are currently threatening to tear our communities apart.

"As Oregonians, we are committed to putting an end to the violence and hatefulness that has scarred the conscience of our state over the past week. We, too, are committed to seeing and believing the best in our friends and neighbors. Oregonians have a long history of respecting whatever differences we may have and embracing the common values that unite us. May we embrace this Oregon spirit in the days and weeks ahead and move forward, together, as one united state."

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