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SENATE PRESIDENT, MAJORITY LEADER ISSUE STATEMENT ON POST-ELECTION CONCERNS

Joint Statement from Senate President Peter Courtney And Majority Leader Ginny Burdick

“Intolerance and bigotry are not who we are as a people. Oregon, My Oregon, is and will remain a safe haven where everyone is treated with dignity.

“It will remain a state where men and women are equals. A state that stands up for survivors of sexual assaults. A state where people are free to love and marry whomever they want. A state where immigrants are treated fairly.

“Likewise, violent protest and the senseless destruction of property is not in our Oregon DNA. Peaceful demonstration is part of our heritage, but lawlessness is an affront to our Oregon values. We can demonstrate our disagreements and still do it with decency and respect.

“Oregon is not perfect. We have more work to do. We can move forward together by building each other up rather than tearing each other down.”