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House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner Calls on Clackamas County Commissioner Mark Shull to Resign Following Anti-Semitic Remarks

SALEM, OR - In response to the [latest](#) in a [series](#) of hateful [comments](#) from Clackamas County Commissioner Mark Shull, this one comparing COVID-19 health and safety measures to the Holocaust, Majority Leader [Barbara Smith Warner](#) (D - Portland) issued the following statement:

"I unequivocally condemn Mark Shull's anti-Semitic remarks. Comparing COVID-19 safety measures that save lives to the Holocaust is abhorrent and grotesque. The Holocaust was a mass atrocity. Millions were systematically stripped of their livelihoods and dignity, forced into internment camps, and then exterminated.

"At a time when [white supremacy continues to pose a very real threat](#) to Oregonians and [anti-Semitic hate crimes are on the rise](#), this language is ignorant, irresponsible, and causes direct harm to the community in which he holds a position of power. Given his continuing history of Islamophobic, racist, and anti-Semitic language, it is time for us to call out the truth: that Mark Shull is perpetuating racism and that he needs to resign.

"His continued presence on the Clackamas County Commission is a signal to the many communities impacted by his statements that they are unsafe and unwelcome in the halls of power. I know that Clackamas County is capable of better. Commissioner Shull should step aside and make space for someone who values the diverse voices of the community he is currently failing to represent. We can no longer accept this kind of bigotry from our elected leaders."

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