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U.S. Supreme Court decision means Oregon OSHA should remove strict private business COVID-19 mandates and drop plans for permanent indoor mask mandate

SALEM, Ore. – House Republican Leader Vikki Breese-Iverson (R-Prineville) made the following statement today regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to block a federal COVID-19 vaccine mandate on large private businesses from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"The U.S. Supreme Court made an important decision today by blocking a federal COVID-19 vaccine mandate for private employees. The message was clear: OSHA does not have the authority to broadly regulate public health. This should apply to Governor Kate Brown's Oregon OSHA and its failed leadership because it has not respected individual health care decisions. In light of this important action from the Supreme Court, House Republicans call on Oregon OSHA to remove its strict and punitive COVID-19 mandates on private businesses and drop its plans for a permanent indoor mask mandate."