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Leader Drazan calls for legislators to refocus priorities

SALEM, Ore. – House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) issued the following statement ahead of legislators returning to the Capitol next week:

“A positive COVID-19 test from an individual who was on the House floor should be a wake-up call to everyone. This session is anything but ‘business as usual.’

Lawmakers have an opportunity to make things better for Oregonians, but the majority party’s agenda—with policies that stunt student learning, kill jobs and make Oregon not only less affordable, but less safe—is disconnected from what people really need during this crisis.

With the building closed, people need us to focus on balancing the budget, supporting public health, recovering from natural disasters and fixing the damage done by the shutdowns for our kids and communities.

Republicans have relied on the Constitution to protest a hyper-partisan, closed-door approach to public policy this session, and to call for the supermajority to instead address these priorities for Oregonians and work together.

The Legislature has a duty to focus our efforts on ensuring every Oregonian has access to vaccination, all willing students are able to return safely to school, restoring Oregon’s unrivaled forests and communities devastated by wildfires and fully recover women and minority-owned businesses and main street jobs.

When we return to the Capitol following this recommended time of quarantining, we urge our colleagues who control the agenda to stop operating as if this session is business as usual and instead join us in prioritizing the most pressing needs facing Oregonians.”

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