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House Republican Leader Statement on Baker County Circuit Court Ruling

SALEM, Ore. - House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) released the following statement on today's Baker County Circuit Court ruling related to the governor's executive orders:

“Today's ruling does not negate the need for Oregonians to live with consideration and care for the health of themselves and others. Oregonians have flattened the curve, they have slowed the spread and they have made real sacrifices. We must continue to follow CDC recommended guidelines, but this ruling affirms that checks and balances exist, and the governor must follow the law.

Oregonians have been calling for accountability, and today a Baker County Circuit Court judge provided it. The standard for his injunction was that the plaintiffs are likely to suffer irreparable harm, that the balance of equities tip in the plaintiff's favor, that an injunction is in the public interest and that the plaintiffs are likely to succeed, based on the merits of their claim.

This ruling will be appealed but the need for the governor to create the least possible harm in the exercise of extraordinary power remains. There has been no accountability throughout this emergency declaration, until now.”

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