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House Republican Leader Statement on Class Action Lawsuit on Behalf of Oregon Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Executive Orders

Salem, ORE. – Today, House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) released a statement on the potential class action lawsuit on behalf of Oregon businesses who were closed by executive order.

“The governor has exercised her authority without moderation or consideration. While the governor has the authority to protect public health, Oregonians have the right to demand equal treatment and compensation for their losses.

Oregonians do not owe the governor their livelihoods, as she continues to move the goalposts in the fight against COVID-19. It’s past time for accountability.

The governor has issued arbitrary, at times contradictory, standards for different communities and groups, handpicking winners and losers for who will be protected from devastating economic impacts, and who will bear the brunt of her orders. If she will not operate with an even-hand toward all Oregonians, then the citizens of Oregon will exercise their authority to call her to account.

This lawsuit would not be necessary and could still be averted if the Governor would treat all businesses fairly.”

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