



# STATEMENT FROM DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OF THE OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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### **Democratic Leaders of the Oregon House of Representatives Issue Statement on the Aftermath of the Presidential Election**

As legislative leaders in the Oregon House of Representatives, we want to assure people that we will protect and preserve equal opportunity, fairness, and respect for everyone in our great state.

Since the results of the Presidential election last Tuesday night, multiple incidents of intolerance and harassment have been reported in our communities, with many more likely unreported. Peaceful protests have been marred by violence. Many people feel unsafe.

We are committed to doing everything in our power to protect Oregonians from intolerance, bigotry, or injustice. Moving forward, we ask everyone reading this to consider ways to be an ally to your neighbor. When any of us witness intolerance, bigotry, or injustice, it is critical that we stand up to it and show those being bullied, threatened or harassed that we support them and that such incidents are unacceptable.

Oregonians must recommit themselves to ensuring that our state is a place where tolerance and diversity are valued and sustained. Let's get to work.

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