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## **DO YOUR JOB: Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber Calls on Republicans to Get Back to Work**

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, Oregon Republican senators abandoned their jobs and the people of Oregon by refusing to show up for work. The Senate could not reach a quorum, making this the fifth period since 2019 that Senate Republicans have denied quorum for a floor session, a pattern of antidemocratic behavior unprecedented in our state's history.

In response to [repeated Republican efforts to derail the work of the state legislature](#) by walking out on the job, the people of Oregon passed [Measure 113](#) by [more than a 2-to-1 margin](#). A majority of voters in every single Senate district across the state supported the measure. This measure "creates a constitutional ban on holding state legislative office, for one term, if a state Senator or Representative is absent without excuse ten or more times from floor sessions during any one legislative session."

**Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton & SW Portland)** is releasing the following statement:

"The people of Oregon aren't fools. It is no coincidence that Republicans are employing these embarrassing antics as the Senate is about to vote on bills that protect reproductive health freedom and establish common sense gun safety laws.

By walking out today, Senate Republicans are abandoning all who believe in our democracy, particularly the voters who sent them to Salem to vote on their behalf. Voters were clear last year when they passed Measure 113 by an overwhelming margin and in every state senate district: elected lawmakers should be in the Capitol doing their jobs.

Republicans are, once again, undermining our democracy and ignoring the people of Oregon.

Unfortunately, this isn't anything new. Republicans have been using every trick in the book to derail and delay our legislative process since the first day of this session."

Oregonians deserve a functional democracy. It's time for Republicans to stop these stunts and do their jobs."

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