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## **Republican, Independent Senators Violate the Constitution, Will of the People**

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, three Senators – **Senator Daniel Bonham (R – The Dalles)**, **Senator Brian Boquist (I – Polk & Yamhill Counties)**, and **Senator Dennis Linthicum (R – Klamath Falls)** – reached 10 unexcused absences, violating the constitutional provisions voters just passed in Measure 113 and becoming ineligible to run for re-election.

**Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D – Beaverton & SW Portland)** released the following statement in response:

“The voters were clear: Walking out on our democracy is not an option. I am deeply saddened for my colleagues. After extensive good faith negotiations, Republican leadership failed to protect three of their members and the communities who elected them.

“We allowed these Senators the time and space to consider the consequences of their walkout because Oregonians in the Dalles, Klamath Falls, Polk and Yamhill counties depend on these Senators to have a voice in Salem.

“These Senators should be here doing their jobs and standing up for their constituents instead of violating the Constitution.

“Democrats are here. We are doing our jobs, and we are confident that we can still deliver on the people’s priorities. We welcome our Republican colleagues to join us.”

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