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Senate Majority Leader demands apology from Senator Dennis Linthicum for outrageous statements

SALEM – Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, made the following statement today in response to cruel and outrageous statements this week linking the tragic death of Eric Garner in New York to high cigarette taxes:

“Earlier this week Senator Dennis Linthicum released a statement that outrageously connects the tragic death of a man of color in New York with the existence of a high cigarette tax. When he was called on his callous behavior, Senator Linthicum doubled down, arguing in a second release that his comments should lead to a ‘rational conversation.’ His statements are reprehensible and an insult to all Oregonians, who deserve better from their elected leaders. Senator Linthicum must apologize now.”

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