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### **Statement from Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick On Defending Oregon's Democracy**

SALEM – Today the Senate President adjourned the Oregon State Senate until a “call of the President,” effectively ending the 2020 Legislative Session and defending Oregon’s democracy against ultimatums from the absent minority.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> Senate Republicans walked off the job, abandoning their responsibilities as elected officials and violating their oaths of office.

While neglecting their constituencies and the investments Oregonians desperately need, Republicans continued to collect their taxpayer funded salaries, benefits and per diem.

“There’s no excuse for this behavior. This is absolutely revolting. I’m angry and I’m disappointed,” said Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick (D-Portland). “It is a great honor to serve in the State Capitol and act on behalf of Oregonians across the state. Republicans left Oregonians behind when they walked off the job. They should be ashamed. Oregonians deserve better.”

Nearly a hundred bills in the Senate will die in the wake of the walkout. Republicans’ failure to do the right thing and return to work means disaster relief, investments in vulnerable children, critical shelter funding, wildfire mitigation efforts, mental health supports, and many more necessary policies will not happen.

“I am proud of the Senate Democrats,” added Senator Burdick. “They are strong defenders of democracy in Oregon. They are loyal to the people of this state and they are loyal to this institution.”

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