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### **Statement from Senate Majority Leader Wagner on the Expulsion of Mike Nearman**

SALEM – Today, the Oregon House of Representatives voted to expel now-former Representative Mike Nearman (R-Polk County). Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner released the following statement in response:

“I support and respect the vote the House of Representatives took this evening to expel Mike Nearman. His actions were abhorrent. On December 21, 2020, those who work in the State Capitol were rightfully afraid for their safety. Their loved ones at home were afraid for their safety.

“The individuals who trespassed the Oregon State Capitol, facilitated by now-former Representative Nearman, were intent on harm. They had ties to right wing extremism and white supremacist groups, and many were armed.

“His abhorrent actions warrant this historic response. It is right that he is being held accountable by his colleagues, and I hope he is also held accountable in the court of law.”

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