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Senate Republican Leader on Continued Violence in Portland

SALEM, Ore. – Today marks the end of the 56th night of protests in Portland that have taken a violent turn and undermined the efforts of peaceful protests.

News media [reported](#) a protester last night said, “This is no longer a protest. We are in the middle of a civil war.”

“It is sickening to watch as phony leaders pander to the violence in Portland. I refuse to turn a blind eye to the violence and lawlessness each night,” said Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton). “What Portland Democrats fail to understand is if you give an inch to these violent anarchists, they will take a mile, and they won’t stop. They want to perpetuate the idea of a ‘civil war’ to further isolate Oregonians from one another.”

Senator Girod continued, “Peaceful protesters are welcome, but the second violence and law-breaking occurs, it is up to elected officials to support the law enforcement officers that put their lives on the line to keep citizens safe in unstable situations. Democrats have refused to do this and have failed all Oregonians by pandering to the violence.”

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