

Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republican Leader Calls Out Almost 100-Days of Portland Violence

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton) calls out the almost 100-days of continued violence in Portland.

"It's been nearly 100 straight days of nightly violence in Portland," said Senator Girod. "Law enforcement, the personnel who are tasked with upholding the law, have been left out to dry with little to no support. By most Democrats failing to denounce the violence, anarchists have been given free reign to destroy public and private property. Anarchists have lit fires, thrown fireworks, Molotov cocktails, water bottles and tools at the police officers who risk their lives each night to protect a city that refuses to protect them."

Senator Girod continued, "The response from Governor Kate Brown and Mayor Ted Wheeler has been disastrous and has made Portland <u>fodder</u> for national embarrassment. It took until <u>rioters trashed</u> Portland City Hall for the <u>mayor</u> to speak out. Until the <u>governor's</u> and mayor's words are followed with action, they are just words, and innocent Oregonians will continue to be collateral damage."

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