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**Statement from the Senate Republican Caucus regarding the investigative report on
Senator Jeff Kruse**

The Republican senate caucus has received the final investigative report. The caucus met to discuss the report (the two members of the caucus on the committee on conduct, Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena) and Senator Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer) recused themselves). The report stands on its own. This matter is now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Conduct. This established process requires that we wait 14 days to give the committee members a chance to review the report and ask for additional information.

Given the serious nature of these allegations, we as a caucus have accepted Senator Kruse's offer to not be in the Capitol building pending the conclusion of the process.

The behavior alleged in the report, if true, is obviously not acceptable to the Senate Republican caucus. This is why we have accepted Senator Kruse's, a 22-year veteran of the Oregon legislature offer to leave the Capitol building, taking with him the opportunity to represent his district pending the conclusion of the process.

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