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**Republicans Respond to Governor's Out of Touch State of the State**

*Governor silent on solutions to crime*

SALEM, Ore. – Governor Kate Brown's State of the State speech ignored the public safety crisis sweeping across Oregon communities.

"Crime is at record levels here in Oregon, but you wouldn't know that by listening to the Governor's speech," said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend). "People don't feel safe and Republicans share their frustration and anger. The lack of urgency Democrats have brought to this crisis is shocking. The Governor's workforce package won't do anything for our economy if people don't feel safe to work or do business here. Oregonians are desperate for real leadership and solutions on public safety."

"Safer communities should be a priority this session," said House Republican Leader Vikki Breese-Iverson (R-Prineville). "Any proposals from the Governor that misses this crucial element does not fully serve Oregonians. Instead, we've seen the Governor commute the sentences of killers, Democrats have proposed legislation to retry potentially thousands of cases of violent criminals, law enforcement budgets are lower than ever, and current law makes it harder for police to stop riots. Oregonians deserve safer neighborhoods. House Republicans demand better."

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