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It is perhaps not surprising that a panel of entirely democrat appointed judges at the Oregon Supreme Court has now ruled that I and nine other Republican senators will not be allowed on the ballot for re-election.

Donald Trump is facing similar efforts. The excuses are different, but it is the same battle.

Rather than allow Americans to vote for representatives of their choice, the Democrats would prefer their most feared opponents not be on the ballot at all, lest the voters make a “mistake.”

In a previous time, even democrat leaning judges would make some effort to at least appear fair. In its ruling yesterday, the Oregon Supreme Court interpreted the law to mean the opposite of what it actually says – based on their claimed understanding of what the voters intended. Up until now the exact text of a law mattered. That is no longer true.

Many conservatives support term limits, but were not aware of the ramifications of Measure 113 – which was also very poorly written. Ordinary term limits were passed in Oregon over 20 years ago by voter referendum and then ruled unconstitutional by the Oregon Supreme Court.

We are certain that Senate District 2 voters do not support term limits in which only the minority party is term limited – at the whim of the majority party deciding when an absence is considered excused or not.

The Oregon Senate President even used this power to decide that some senators were allowed to be excused for medical care while other senators were not. My requests for medical excusals even with a doctor’s note were denied. The senate president’s office was essentially trying to deny me medical care. There is obviously a special effort by our opponents to remove me, because I vote entirely from principle, will not make deals, and think independently.

It has been my honor to serve as your Senator from District 2 for the last three years. In doing so, I have worked closely with my family, all of whom have doctoral degrees in science and contributed greatly to our efforts.

We do not intend to let the Democrats win this fight. There is still a pending federal lawsuit, but if I am not allowed on the ballot, I will consider running again in 2028 and in the meantime, my son Noah – who has worked closely with me at the capitol – will run for my position.

Like myself, Noah is a Caltech educated scientist with a PhD in chemistry. His principles are similar to mine and will do an excellent job for you. Should the voters select him as my successor, I will return to the capitol with him and continue our work for freedom for all Oregonians.

In the meantime, I will continue to work for you as your senator for the next year. Whether it is a vote on a single bill, or a denial of quorum for especially egregious bills, your representatives should not make decisions based on their future careers.

I have never considered my future “political career” in making these decisions and do not intend to begin now.

In being a part of the quorum denial last year I stood against many bad bills including HB2002 which actually promoted surgical castration, and other forms of sexual mutilation of children in attempts to change their genders. This bill is so evil that many people think it was put forward deliberately in order to force a quorum denial by principled Republicans and then attempt to remove them from the senate.

The short session begins in Salem next week. I look forward to continuing to work for freedom, against government overreach, and against child abuse.

Sincerely,

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