



Good Morning BAT/DRAT Teams,

Indivisible has been busy across the districts to hold Rep Bentz and Rep Chavez-DeRemer accountable. One of the many protests was in front of Rep DeRemer's office (above)! At least five publications have carried our letters of protest this week about Rep DeRemer's support for insurrectionists. Keep up the good work or step up the good work to save our Democracy. Would love to have you!

Some letters to the editor on this topic from Indivisible members:

<https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2024/01/readers-respond-reject-supporters-of-trump-election-lies.html>, "Reject supporters of Trump election lies" – Elizabeth Luthy, Portland 1/2/2024

[Clackamas County citizen: Congresswoman refuses to condemn Jan. 6 rioters | Newsletter | westlinntidings.com](#) –Chris Mack, Clackamas County, 1/4/2024

[OPINION: We cannot forget the events of Jan. 6, 2021 | Opinion | youroregonnews.com](#) – West Linn Tidings/Lake Oswego Review/ Wilsonville Spokesman/Your Oregon News, Kathy Selvaggio, West Linn, 1/4/2024

Plus there are these letters about LCD and Bentz but not on Jan. 6:

[Letters to the Editor 12/28/2023 | The Source Weekly - Bend, Oregon \(bendsource.com\)](https://bendsource.com), “Are Lori Chavez-DeRemer’s Roots Showing?” – Dianne Crampton, Bend, 12/28/2023

https://www.columbiagorgeneews.com/opinion/your-voice-dec-27-2023/article_d252be44-a114-11ee-80dd-17f87312ef25.html – Debi Ferrer, The Dalles, December 27, 2023

https://www.eastoregonian.com/opinion/letters/letter-bentz-represents-only-the-maga-heads-who-line-his-pockets/article_a6231960-a833-11ee-aad1-139901a2f695.html – Matt Henry, January 2, 2024

Don’t miss our COINversation on 1/24/24 with Janelle Bynum, Jamie McLeod-Skinner, and Lynn Peterson, the Dem Candidates who are challenging Rep DeRemer. [Register Here](#) if you haven’t already done so. It’s the same link as for all our COIN meetings.

This Week’s Issue Is:

The current threats against our Democracy and the Constitution by MAGA supporters who lie about the Jan 6th Insurrection and the high threat level of political violence incited by MAGA leadership explicitly and through hidden messaging.

What We Want Cliff and Lori to Do:

- Denounce the Jan 6th insurrection and call for the prosecution of all who participated in the attempted murder of the Vice President, Speaker of the House, and the coup to block the peaceful transfer of power.
- Fund the FBI and the DOJ so they have the resources to bring these criminals to trial.
- Denounce calls for violence by GOP leaders.

Optional Talking Points, and What You Need To Know:

- Democracy makes abortion rights, climate solutions, healthcare, unions, and social safety net programs possible. Fascism silences the populace or imprisons them.
- Rep. Bentz voted to disqualify the PA electors when the House re-convened AFTER the insurrection. In his first vote as a member of the House, Bentz became a member of the “sedition caucus.”
- By supporting the insurrection and attacking the functioning of government Rep Bentz and Rep DeRemer are attacking Democracy and enabling Fascism.
- Rep Chavez-DeRemer supports the former President and she voted for Speaker Mike Johnson, both of whom acted in the insurrection. Speaker Johnson led the sedition caucus!
- In a televised candidate interview with the Oregonian in 2022, Rep Chavez-DeRemer implied that insurrections were peaceful protestors and she

expressed her concern for their legal rights. Insurrectionists were prosecuted for their actions in invading the Capitol, assaulting law enforcement officers, and disrupting the electoral process.

- The FBI lacks the manpower to investigate and prosecute 60% of the insurrectionists due to a lack of funding. Both Rep Bentz and Rep DeRemer voted in the MAGA Debt Default Bill to cut funding to the FBI by 22% while saying they support law enforcement.
- Rep Chavez-DeRemer perpetuates the “Big Lie” by refusing to say whether the 2020 election was valid.
- Trump quotes Hitler and makes calls for political violence in general and specifically at targets, such as Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg and the judge who will preside over the case, Judge Juan Merchan. Rep Bentz and Rep Chavez-DeRemer refuse to denounce this despite numerous constituent requests.

Tell Cliff/Lori why this matters to YOU personally.

Sample Message:

Dear Rep. Bentz / Chavez-DeRemer,

Please denounce the Insurrectionists who sought to overturn the 2020 election illegally and block the peaceful transfer of power. Denounce the calls for political violence.

Fund the FBI and the DOJ so they have the resources to protect us.

Then:

- If you write a postcard:
 - Sign your postcard with your first and last name, and the city or county you live in.
 - Stick a 48-cent stamp on it and please put it in the mail by this **Friday, Jan 12th**
 - Take a picture of your postcard and post it on your Twitter account, tagging @cliff_truth or @truth_ori.
- If you have suggestions for topics for our weekly message, or if you'd like to help us write one, please email us at or.bat.drat@gmail.com.
- Follow the BAT/DRAT Teams on social media at
 - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/TellTheTruthCliff> and <https://www.facebook.com/TellTheTruthLori>.
 - **Twitter:** @cliff_truth or https://twitter.com/cliff_truth and @truth_ori or https://twitter.com/truth_ori.

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If you write an LTE:

- For links to newspapers in CD2 and LTE-writing tips, [click here](#). For links to CD5 newspapers, [click here](#).
- Share it with others on the BAT/DRAT team by emailing it to us at or.bat.drat@gmail.com or post it on your FaceBook page, tagging <https://www.facebook.com/TellTheTruthLori> or <https://www.facebook.com/TellTheTruthCliff>.
- If your LTE gets published, please send us a link if there's an online version or send us a photo of the print version, again, to or.bat.drat@gmail.com.
- If this week's topic doesn't move you to write an LTE, check out our past [LTE Messages folder](#) or previous [Postcard Message Topics](#) that can be adapted to LTEs.

For a deeper dive into today's topic:

- <https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2024/01/readers-respond-reject-supporters-of-trump-election-lies.html>
- [NBC News: Trump warns of “potential death and destruction” if he’s charged in hush money probe.](#)
- <https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/poll-january-6-republicans-peaceful-protest-rcna131935>
- <https://www.thirdway.org/blog/republican-efforts-to-defund-federal-law-enforcement>
- [CBS News: Judge in Trump criminal case targeted with threats.](#)
- [Washington Post: Trump repeatedly evokes threat of violence over a potential indictment](#)
- https://www.huffpost.com/entry/oregon-republican-congressional-candidates-election-deniers_n_6357f6bfe4b04cf8f387f42c

In a candidate debate in April 2022, Rep Chavez-DeRemer boldly defended the January 6 insurrectionists, going so far as to call them peaceful protesters. These are insurrectionists who violently assaulted the capital police, smeared feces on the walls of our government, and hunted the Vice President and the Speaker of the House.

Lynn Peterson, Jamie McLeod-Skinner, and Janelle Bynum are Democratic candidates for Congress, who stand for the Peaceful Transfer of Power and the Constitution. Vote for a positive future.

