



Senator Merkley Holds the Senate Floor to Ring Alarm Bells on Trump's Authoritarianism

Starting a little after 6pm ET on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley took to the Senate Floor to ring the alarm bells on the Trump Administration's tightening authoritarian grip on the country. Senator Merkley is holding the Senate floor to bring attention to the erosion of our democratic institutions.

Along with many Americans, Senator Merkley has been watching the overwhelming deluge of big and small actions the Trump Administration takes to shred the Constitution and raise costs for working families. He is inspired by the strength of the American people and brings their voices to the Senate Floor as he uses the power he has to hold the floor and speak directly to the American people for as long as he can.

As a leader in the Senate fighting to preserve our government of, by, and for the people – not of, by, and for the powerful – Senator Merkley is using his time on the floor to make the case that Trump's actions mirror those of authoritarian governments around the world.

On the floor, Senator Merkley is describing in depth how President Trump is attacking separation of powers, checks and balances, due process, free speech, free press, law firms, and universities. Merkley details how Trump is weaponizing the Justice Department and marching troops in Portland, LA, DC, and Chicago to further his slide into an authoritarian strongman state. Senator Merkley is reminding folks what is at stake and what tools remain available to us to preserve our democratic republic.

Tune in on Senator Merkley's YouTube

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