

Dear Committee Members,

While slavery has left emotional residual damage on Americans everywhere, it is not feasible to take and give money from citizens who had no relationship to the perpetrators of slavery OR the victims.

This is a perfect example of racism. So even though my family has no relationship with slave owners, we have to be punished because of the color of our skin?

Merely showing proof of ethnicity doesn't cut it. Frankly even showing that someone is related to a slave doesn't cut it. The past is the past. If everyone decided they wanted reparations for the bad things done to their relatives we would all be slaves to taxes for the rest of our lives, regardless of ethnicity.

And speaking of taxes. We continue to grow in taxes yet Oregon itself is deeply in dept. Please stop finding ways to drain the citizens of Oregon of their hard earned money and get back to more current issues.

Thank you!