

I feel the urge to thank you for the opportunity, but can't bring myself to do so. You don't deserve thanks for bringing forth such a ridiculous bill. You are undoubtedly of the mindset, as am I, we should live in a colorblind society, yet you propose garbage like this that will only work to keep it divided. If I were black I would be insulted. We live in a country where any person, Black, White, Brown, Red, Yellow, or any mix of the aforementioned, that is motivated can be successful, prosperous, and happy. Government handouts ultimately hold people down. Look at how horribly it has worked in predominantly Black inner cities. Freedom, hard work and equal opportunity raise people up. The Black community has countless examples of folks who have excelled in all walks of life. Through hard work, education, and the will to obtain their goals, they have. They did it without handouts for slavery reparation. The sins of the Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather are not the sins of the Great, Great, Great, Great Grandson or Granddaughter. This legislation punishes those who have committed no crime for the benefit of those who have not been the victims of a crime. My family immigrated from Spain to America after Slavery ended. I'm sure I will be asked to pay simply based on my white skin. That in itself is racist, offensive, and ridiculous.

Supporters of this bill are supposedly all about "fairness". Therefore I think you should, if this bill becomes law, fund the reparations with money taken from the descendants of slave owners who reside in Oregon. Good luck with that. I can't think of a State in this Union that would benefit more from an injection of common sense than Oregon. Where are leaders like Dr. King when we need them? Keith Baltzor