

I am writing to oppose HRC11 and in support of HR2329. We can and should do better than just changing lyrics to a song that is offensive and excludes the many voices that been part of building and caring for this beautiful state throughout its history.

I strongly support a process that provides an opportunity to ensure all voices are heard. Throughout our history, we have excluded BIPOC voices from decision-making and from opportunities to have a voice in the symbols that represent us. This is an opportunity to right some of that injustice. An inclusive Oregon song contest would provide an opportunity to have our state represented in a new light.

Thank you for your consideration,
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