

SB 776 Testimony  
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As you develop your task force on reparations and your plans to *“Identify individuals who should be compensated financially and with services, at no charge to the individual...”* please keep my family in mind.

This is a photo of my paternal grandmother who arrived here in the United States quite some time after slavery had been abolished.

This photo was taken at her home in Brooklyn, New York. She owned no slaves. Which is a damn good thing, because as you can see, she really would have had no place to keep them.



Below is the sweat shop my maternal grandfather toiled in after arriving in the states at the turn of the 20th century from Italy.

None of the folks pictured in that steaming shop were African Americans and all arrived here with barely the clothes on their backs. They worked endless hours to put the clothes on other people's backs.



Next is a photo of the backyard of the home my mom was born into in Brooklyn while her dad was sewing clothes for people better off. Guess you can figure out my mom's side of the family were not slave owners either.



I keep these in an album I call “white privilege”

I don't have many photos of my wife's ancestors. They were mostly in the country a lot longer than my family. Lived up

north. You know what happened to those good old boys. Got dragged into a nasty little dust up you may have heard of. We call it the “Civil War.”

They never owned any slaves either.

The others, as it turns out, were Blackfoot. So I guess my kids have enough of that blood to qualify for some entrepreneurial victimhood.

So when your task force starts the long, arduous task of shaking down the taxpayers in pursuit of your hateful and divisive agenda please keep my family in mind.

We'll have some money coming back.

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