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On Behalf
Of:

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I am a White cisgender woman and non-native Oregonian, fully aware of it's "White utopian" origins and the echos of those founding "ideals" in today's Oregon. I support the establishment of this task force, because I believe we need to more actively make things right for those members of our community harmed by systemic, American and Oregonian oppression.

To plagiarize and repeat words from my friend's testimony on this same bill, "Just as I have benefited from the centuries of laws uplifting my people, Black community members have been harmed by centuries of laws excluding them, centuries of violence, centuries of futures interrupted and lost. Nothing could ever truly soothe the wound that has been caused from our country's history of enslavement, genocide and exclusion, but reparations is one place we can start to rip apart that old foundation and build anew. Please stand on the right side of history and move this bill forward."