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I'm writing this in support of SB776. It boggles the mind that this isn't already happening nationwide. Virtually all statistics prove that Black Oregonians (Americans) have less wealth than White Oregonians (Americans). The ONLY non-racist explanation of that very simple fact is that the state has systematically taken away opportunities, property, employment, and freedom. It is not only time to examine and abolish all of those systems but time to actually PAY for the damages. There is no way to actually right those wrongs and make that community whole again. It's beyond that. But reparations are the literal bare minimum we can do to take a small step towards legitimate equity.

Thank you for your time.