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On Behalf
Of:

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To whom it may concern:

When the state enacts harm, on such a scale as the Holocaust, apartheid, or American slavery, the harm needs to be repaired. We can see in Germany and South Africa the way the state worked and works to address that harm – not just public statues and recognition, but education and acknowledgment, to those affected today, that harm was done.

America deserves to have the truth recognized, out in the open, about the legacy of American slavery and its lasting effects that have not yet been righted. Oregon deserves to have its last and present examined – not pushed aside.

A task force to investigate reparations would be forced to look at the truth, and come to a conclusion about what to do about it. That is not extreme, and should not be a controversial effort.

Please help us move this state and country out of the legacy of slavery.

Sincerely,

Leslie Walker