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I am in full support of reparations for Black Oregonians. The more Oregon history I learn, the more firm this belief grows. From the not so distant past practice of excluding Black people completely from living here, to redlining, to present-day practices of police brutality and environmental racism, Black Oregonians have been subjected to so much harm. The systemic barriers that Black Oregonians are expected to overcome are countless. America is built on the racism and white supremacy that Oregon typifies. The incredible resilience of Black Oregonians deserves to be celebrated. Paying reparations to Black Oregonians is a small first step that can be taken toward doing the right thing and uplifting Black life here.