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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2995

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am expressing my strong support of House Bill 2995. This bill is a necessary step in starting to address our state's deeply systemic history of racial injustice, which is often overlooked in favor of our state's manufactured image of progressivism.

Oregon has a dark history of racial injustices such as Black exclusion laws, segregation and redlining, all of which have produced ripple effects that we continue to see in our state's income, education, housing and healthcare disparities between Black and non-Black Oregonians. Cities like Portland, where I currently reside, are fraught with gentrification that has disproportionately affected Black families and their ability to build generational wealth. We have an opportunity to begin to remedy the economic inequities that derive from these historical ills of our state's past. Don't be on the wrong side of history like your predecessors.

Thank you for your time,

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