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I strongly support the creation of a Task Force on Reparations, as I believe this is long overdue. Throughout history, Oregonians of African-American descent have been systematically disadvantaged by racism, and unfortunately, this discrimination persists in the state to this day. The only path to healing is for Oregonians to collectively acknowledge and address the harm that has been done. Simply acknowledging the issue without taking meaningful action is akin to saying, "that's unfortunate," without any tangible steps toward progress or resolution.