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RE: House Bill 2995

Written Testimony:

My name is AJ McCreary and I am writing to the Oregon Legislature in support of HB2995. Our state needs to address the systemic harm that the state of Oregon has inflicted on Black Oregonians both historically being founded as an exclusionary, and the continuation of that legacy still shows up all the way until today through redlining, gentrification, lack of school investments, housing insecurities, food insecurity, health disparities, the judicial system, prisons and more. HB2995 is the start to addressing the root harm of many issues and we need to uplift this bill. As a lifelong Black Oregonian, Mother, Community leader and Historian I couldn't be more proud to see this work happening in our state capital. HB2995 is good for the future of Oregon.

In joy, AJ McCreary