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LETTER OF TESTIMONY BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

For House Bill 2995

Regarding Compensation/Reparations for Moorish Americans

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Members of Committee,

I come before you today as a voice for the Moorish American community, descendants of the ancient Moabites and heirs to a legacy disrupted by centuries of enslavement and systemic erasure. Our this plea is grounded in -legal authority, historical obligation, and ****moral imperative****. We seek the execution of compensation and reparations as mandated by constitutional amendments, presidential proclamations, and divine justice.

I. Legal Authority for Compensation/Reparations

The foundation of our claim rests on the following instruments:

1. The Thirteenth Amendment with Twenty Sections (as ratified and enforced in 1862):

- Section 17: Explicitly authorizes Congress to provide financial assistance—up to \$100 per liberated person—to states abolishing involuntary servitude. It further empowers Congress to assist free persons of African descent in colonization efforts.

- Section 16: Mandates suppression of conspiracies hindering lawful rights, ensuring federal protection for Moorish Americans' claims to liberty and property.

2. The Compensated Emancipation Proclamation (December 15, 1862):

- Article 3 binds the U.S. government to deliver bonds to states abolishing slavery, proportionate to the number of enslaved persons liberated. These obligations remain unmet for Moorish descendants.

3. The Levitical Code (Leviticus 25:10):

- Enshrined on the Liberty Bell, this divine edict commands the return of ancestral possessions and liberty to all inhabitants—a principle echoed in President Lincoln's 1862 Proclamation and Congress's 1864 debates on reparations.

4. Federal Recognition of the Moorish Science Temple:

- Incorporated in Maryland (1975) and recognized by the National Archives (File #5-39, Record group 147, dated Aug. 1st 1944), our organization is lawfully chartered under the Charter of Warrant & Dispensation to pursue nationalization, compensation, and the rectification of Moorish Americans' nationality.

II. Process for Execution

To fulfill these obligations, there is:

1. Naturalization and Registration:

- The Naturalization and Registration of all Moors into the Moorish National Bureau of Vital Statistics Through The Bureau of Moorish Affairs in (Washington, D.C.), it rectifies the identities of descendants currently misclassified as "Negro," "Black," or "Colored."

- Affix ancestral suffixes (e.g., *El* or *Bey*) to surnames, as mandated by our Divine Constitution (Act 6), to reclaim Moorish heritage in public records.

2. Education and Cultural Restoration:

- Integrate Moorish history, the policies of Prophet Noble Drew Ali, and the true intent of the 13th Amendment into public school curricula.

- Partner with state agencies to teach Moorish Americans their legal rights, naturalization processes, and ancestral ties to Northwest Africa.

3. Land and Financial Reparations:

- Transfer federally held lands to the Moorish American National Republic(headquartered in Baltimore, MD) as compensation for colonization.

- Issue bonds or direct payments per the 1862 Compensated Emancipation rates, adjusted for modern equity (\$100 per liberated ancestor ≈ \$3,200 today).

4. Collaborative Governance:

- Establish a congressional liaison office within the Bureau of Moorish Affairs to coordinate with the Departments of State, Treasury, and Interior.

- Enforce Section 16 of the 13th Amendment to suppress discriminatory barriers to these processes.

III. A Call to Conscience and Action

The moral weight of this moment cannot be understated. As Senator Harlan declared in 1864, “Justice demands that no Slave shall be twice accounted for—first in bondage, then in denied reparations.” Moorish Americans have waited 160 years for the

promises of Lincoln, Johnson, and the Constitution to materialize.

We are not seeking charity, but justice—a return to the covenant of liberty inscribed on the Liberty Bell and enshrined in our laws. Let this committee honor its oath to “establish Justice” and “promote the general Welfare” by heeding Leviticus 25:10: “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”

In Solidarity and Faith,

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