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On Behalf Of:

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Please consider opposing this legislation.

The opportunity for waste, fraud and abuse in a program like this in itself should be enough to oppose this idea.

There are too many variables that are relevant to the discussion of reparations that make it a bad legislative solution.

If my family came to this country 10 years ago, am I exempt from my share of the tax burden what about my children? Our lineage did not participate and I haven't even revealed my race.

What about qualification for benefits. If someone from Somalia sought asylum in the states 20 years ago do they qualify?

What if the applicant beneficiary just moved to Oregon from Texas last year, do they qualify? These have migratory consideration that might be unsustainable.

We haven't even discussed the other races affected by Slavery or other societal injustices in the past as applied by today's standards.

This is an Un-American pursuit. History is filled with inhumanity. To monetize and penalize individuals because of that was common practice around the world 160 years ago (as wrong as it was) is not a pursuit in equality, it is a stab at equity. Equality of opportunity should be our focus.

Lets get back to what makes America the place of envy world wide - TODAY no matter what your family history is. Individual Freedom not Social experimentation that leads to classes of people.

Please vote no!