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I oppose this as do I am certain a majority of Oregonians. I understand the sins of the past but Oregon was not a state that had slaves. I am not obligated and should not be told to hand over part of my hard earned paycheck, money that I need to provide for my family, to something that I never took part in, nor did any of my ancestors! And even for those who have ancestors who did, why should current day African Americans get paid? They are not enslaved nor have ever been. I am sympathetic to what previous generations endured, and slavery is a terrible thing, but handing over money isn't going to erase history. And let's not forget that many Americans died in a very bloody war to end slavery!

No one should have more rights than anyone else just because of who, how, or what you are or identify as or based on who your ancestors may have been. Oregon taxpayers are already stretched way too thin from other taxes and asking us to carry another burden for something that we did not cause or ever participate in, is simply wrong. There is no reason for this to move forward and I strongly oppose!