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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2995

Dear House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

I write today to oppose House Bill 2995, which proposes creating a task force to study reparations for African-Americans in Oregon. Oregon was not a slave state. In fact, our state constitution prohibited slavery when Oregon was founded. Because of this, it does not make sense to apply reparations in Oregon, where the history of slavery differs vastly from that of other states.

Instead of focusing on reparations, I believe the legislature should focus on the issues that are the most concerning for all Oregonians, such as:

1. Homelessness
2. Crime
3. Drug use
4. Politicians

Oregonians continue to express their concerns about these serious issues, yet the majority of legislators are not listening to their constituents. According to a recent poll commissioned by The Oregonian, 66% of voters in Oregon's most populated counties including Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County believe that our state is headed in the wrong direction! This bill is the perfect example of why.

I encourage you to oppose HB 2995 and work toward solutions that unite us and address the actual current needs of all Oregonians. Let's focus on common ground and start using common sense.

Your constituents are speaking, and it is time for you to hear their voices.

Kind Regards,
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