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As a white public school educator, parent, and community member, I fully support this task force on reparations. Oregon was founded on deeply racist, and anti-black beliefs, laws, and policies. These all created a system of harm and extraction that we, in this present moment, must remedy systematically and intentionally and for the long term. The research on reparations is clear and compelling, and in Oregon, especially now with the rise of fascism, we need to take a stand for human rights. Creating this task force, and then supporting the implementation of the task force recommendations, are concrete actions that show Oregon's commitment to human rights.