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I am adamantly in support of this task force as a necessary means to acknowledge and begin to rectify the trauma and injustices caused upon the African American population of Oregon. Though this is a narrative consistent throughout the United States, the lawful practices in Oregon to further marginalize the African American community were prevalent at a time that is still directly impacting its citizens today.

Rather than continue to allow the ripples of these practices to further rupture and reduce this identity, it is imperative that Oregon push to address these wrongs to support equal opportunities for all. Given the disproportionate impact to African Americans historically, a task force centered around reparations would provide the best opportunity to help level the playing field.