

Thank you for the opportunity to oppose SB 618. I am truly amazed this bill has been granted a hearing. Providing reparation due to someone's skin color or race will just cause further divide in our state. This bill sets the stage for our state to figure out a method to provide reparation to Black Oregonians due to slavery, which occurred generations ago. Why would we expect this generation of tax payers to provide reparation for something we had nothing to do with? What services will we be removing from our state to give someone unearned dollars? Are you going to take it away from our children, with cuts to our educational system? Or do you plan to generate revenue by taxing individuals and businesses that have been hit hard from the closure of our state due to the actions of our Governor?

This study is simply not necessary! We are all Americans and we learn from our past. I don't believe paying reparation makes our past history of slavery anymore right. While it may make some feel better, it doesn't solve anything. Save our money and put the dollars spent on a "study" to better use.