

Racism, whether systemic or individual, is the "hill we've yet to climb" to make this government a "more perfect union". It is the hill our Founders could not address in 1787 because too many of them were slave holders and knew their cohorts would rather bow to the King than give up their slaves. Creating a government was the task of the moment.

Educating ourselves about Racism is the TASK OF THIS MOMENT. The fact that I was 75 years old before I understood how systemic racism worked to prevent BIPOC from "pulling themselves up by their bootstraps", is disgraceful. It occurred in the form of "sundown" laws, "redlining" to deny home mortgages in black neighborhoods, and so many more laws and programs that benefited non-BIPOC Americans.

Educating our children about what FAIRNESS looks like will inspire them to part of the solution instead of perpetuating the problem. We will not move forward unless we do.

Please support SB 683 and make the solution possible.