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Hello committee members,

My name is Kristen and I live in Multnomah County. I am writing to express my full support for SB 683.

When I grew up, I learned about people being enslaved by other people among other atrocities. I did not learn how this history continues to impact our society, and especially Black Americans, to this day. I did not learn about what happened during Reconstruction. I did not grasp how recently the Jim Crow era was. I did not learn about the Tulsa massacre or the coup in North Carolina.

On the other hand, I was made to sing songs about Christopher Columbus crossing the sea. I grew up playing the Oregon Trail in school. People who terrorized Indigenous and Black people were portrayed as heroic visionaries. White settlers were glorified and put on pedestals. I do not want this for the next generation. We can do better. Let's give them the reality of the past and present so we can create a better future, together. This is in everyone's best interest.

Thank you very much for your time and service,
Kristen Sartor