

Dear Members of the Committee:

We write in support of SB 863. As white parents of white children in Oregon public schools, we feel that it's imperative that our children and their peers learn about the history of this state - including the sundown laws that prevailed in communities like Ashland which today view themselves as "progressive", the state constitution's prohibition on Black residents, as well as the centuries-long genocide against Indigenous communities. We need to learn this history not to engender white guilt, but to build a better future, including learning anti-racist practices of thought that our children will use to create a more just society in the future. We urge your support of this important legislation.

Very sincerely yours,

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