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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 276]...with extreme prejudice! *Playing the "race card" is hateful conduct!*

[SB 276] is yet another taxpayer money "give-away program" (of \$4,000,000 taxpayer dollars to start with) to enrich specific members of the community at the expense to others.

[SB 276] is another example of the Oregon Legislature, to promote and enshrine, as official government policy, "the institutionalism of systemic racism" into our society through preferential treatment of "persons of color" in lieu of treating all people equally under the law.

The "Text [page2 at 9-10]" states, " (b) The department may give preference to eligible entities that market services to communities of color..."

[SB 276] carries with it an enormously costly; allocation of taxpayer money, unknown overhead costs to monitor compliance and another oppressive burden for the Audits Division's work plan.

The "Text [page2 at 27-35]" states, "SECTION 6. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund: (a) \$2,000,000 for awarding and administering grants under section 2 of this 2021 Act; and (b) \$2,000,000 for distribution to community action agencies with the advice of the Community Action Partnership of Oregon to provide loans, grants or other financial assistance to income-eligible households for the repair and rehabilitation of their residences as described in section 2 of this 2021 Act and for administering the distribution of moneys under this paragraph."

There are additional atrocities included in [SB 276] but, I do not want to spoil the excitement of "self-discovery."

AGAIN...

The Housing and Community Services Department's Budget needs a significant and everlasting "haircut."

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall

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