The United States fought a civil war to free the slaves with the blood and lives of Americans.

Practically all people who came, or come, to America are escaping persecution in one form or another. Their freedom in America is all they seek, not instant fortunes for past persecutions.

As one example, many Europeans, such as the Irish, came to America as Indentured Slaves. Other groups have been persecuted and many died for their religious beliefs.

We cannot have reparations for one particular group of Americans and not others. This is unconstitutional.

Additionally, and in reality, neither the state of Maryland, nor the United States has a positive surplus in their budgets to afford reparations.