

Testimony Against HB1422

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB1422.

I am against

- Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to study and make recommendations relating to appropriate benefits to be made to individuals whose ancestors were enslaved in the State or were impacted by certain inequitable government policies; and
- requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by January 1, 2027, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2027.

Why should the tax payers of Maryland, who have never enslaved anyone, or were even alive during the Jim Crow era, be forced to pay compensation to the descendants of those who were enslaved or discriminated against 60 or more years ago? The youngest person who was an adult in 1965 would be 81 in 2025, and then may not have been a resident of Maryland then or even did any of the discriminatory actions listed in the bill during the Jim Crow era.

At a time when there are so many poor and ill of all races in the state that need our help, paying reparations to members of just one race regardless of their current economic situation is just ludicrous, even if Maryland had a huge budget surplus and could afford to do so (Which it cannot).

So please enter an unfavorable report against HB1422.

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