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Good morning members of Government Administration and Elections,

I am here today to speak in favor of *H.J. No. 1- Resolution Expressing The Profound Regret Of The Connecticut General Assembly For The History Of Wrongs Inflicted Upon Black Citizens By Means Of Slavery, Exploitation And Legalized Racial Segregation, And Calling On All Citizens To Take Part In Acts Of Racial Reconciliation.*

The purpose of this proposal is to have the State of Connecticut: (1) acknowledge the role it played in the enslavement of people through its legislative policies, either written or unwritten, (2) make a formal apology, (3) urge residents of the state to take part in acts of racial equality and reconciliation.

The intent of this proposal is not to hold individuals accountable, accuse people of action or attempt to recover reparations.

Several states and many businesses have acknowledged their role in the enslavement of people and even the Episcopal Church. Where last year, a two-day solemn observance took place and the Church publicly apologize for its involvement in the institution of transatlantic enslavement of people.

Thank you for your time,

Kenneth P. Green
State Representative