



State of Illinois
African Descent-Citizens Reparations Commission

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To the California Reparations Taskforce and the citizens of California,

We bring you greetings from the African Descent-Citizens Reparations Commission of the great state of Illinois, where we too are embarking on the journey to make a number of recommendations to help repair the ongoing impact of slavery, segregation, and institutionalized racism on African-American descendants of slavery in our state.

We would like to voice our appreciation and support of your arduous efforts spanning the last two years. We have studied the progression of your work and now, we endeavor to carefully leverage methodologies the California Taskforce has created that have proven effective while incorporating the lessons learned from your State's process. Your work has undoubtedly laid the groundwork for subsequent bodies. We are committed to elevating both of our states' collective efforts and advancing the pursuit of justice and parity. California has trailblazed with this historic work in this defining moment in our nation's history. It is our hope that the work you started, that we are continuing in Illinois, will inspire others to carry the mantle for years to come.

Despite your taskforce reaching its sunset date today, we hope to continue our partnership with your Taskforce's members along with the citizens and legislators of California in the months to come as Illinois forges its own path of making recommendations on reparations proposals.

Yours in justice,

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