



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt On Governor Signing Legislation to Create a Commission on Reparations

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| ISSUE: **REPARATIONS**



The reparations of slavery were paid with the blood and lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought to end slavery during the Civil War.

A divisive commission to consider reparations is unworkable. As we've seen in California, I am confident this commission's recommendations will be unrealistic, will come at an astronomical cost to all New Yorkers, and will only further divide our state.

Instead of advancing a costly and divisive commission, we should direct our resources to places like the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, which educates the public about our history and brings our community together.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2023-S1163A

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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[Establishes the New York state community commission on reparations remedies](#)

January 10, 2023

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by James Sanders Jr.

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