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From: Burns, Al (Planning and Sustainability)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Hales, Mayor
Cc: Wiggins, Rachael; Parsons, Susan
Subject: Testimony in Favor of Item 370-1

Dear Mayor Hales and Members of Council:

I'm actually from Mississippi; spent the first twenty years of my life there.

I fully support the resolution, but believe it does not go far enough. A better resolution would also prohibit expenditure by city employees of their own funds, or third party funds, for travel to Mississippi. If you believe this restriction too broad, you could just apply it to me. Should the City Attorney have any lingering concerns, I would gladly supply a waiver of my right to travel. I accept that any additional restrictions on troublesome Mississippi relatives coming to visit me here in Portland exceeds the scope of the proposed resolution, so I do not ask for that.

Seriously now, a real improvement to the resolution would keep the travel restriction in place until Mississippi also removes the Confederate banner from its state flag.

Sincerely,

Al Burns
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

From: Parsons, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Parsons, Susan <Susan.Parsons@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: City Council Revised Agenda April 13-14

Council has added Item 370-1 to the April 13 morning session.

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA

370-1 Declare City Council opposition to Mississippi's Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act, and temporarily suspend the authorization of using any city funds for travel by city employees to the State of Mississippi (Resolution introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioners Fish, Fritz Novick and Saltzman)

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