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**Subject:** Testify on H. 273

As I have sent to Xusana Davis, I believe H. 273 is putting the cart before the horse. It is a great idea to offer minorities the right to own land. However, if we give the grants to the people, how will they be able to afford to keep and maintain it? Or will it simply become an area of disarray or being taken for unpaid taxes? I would like to see true ownership and prevent this from happening. Therefore, I have presented a three-fold plan to Mrs. Davis which would increase education and raise income so people can afford the land first. Then we can do this step. I feel this is about 5 years too soon.

My other concern is that this program is open to misuse. What prevents a minority person from buying multiple plots of land for themselves when other people want land? Land is a resource we are in short supply of. We should limit this so all people who want land should have the opportunity to own it. If you ask me to testify, I will go into greater detail on this.

Sincerely,

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