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Greetings,

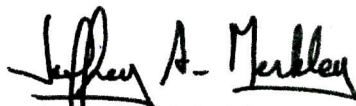
This is a momentous day as we recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of Maxville, an important site in Oregon's long logging history.

When Maxville was founded in 1923, African Americans worked alongside white residents, even though state law still excluded many people of color from living in Oregon at that time. During these early years, Maxville was the only community in our state to have schools for Black students. As we look at the fear, anger, and division that is growing across America today, we need examples like Maxville to remind us of just how far we've come—and how far we still have to go.

I want to thank the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center for bringing people together to celebrate Oregon's diverse timber culture. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to help the people of Oregon learn about the rich history of our logging industry, hear the incredible story of Maxville, and support the advancement of civil rights in our state.

Thank you again for all of the important work you do to keep our history alive. Congratulations on your 100th anniversary celebration!

All my best,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator