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To the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska:

I grew up in Kearney, Nebraska, and attended UNL from 1978-1982. I am deeply concerned by the proposal to ban teaching Critical Race Theory at the university. The proposal seems to miss the point of what CRT is and why it should be taught.

It is important that our young adults learn the true history and consequences of slavery, Jim Crow, and the fight for Civil Rights and Voting Rights for African Americans in this country. How many people know the history of the Tulsa Massacre that destroyed a thriving black community? How many people know that Black veterans of WW2 were denied the education and housing benefits of the GI Bill, that allowed white veterans to build family wealth? How many people know about redlining, a real estate practice (still happening) that denied Blacks access to good neighbors and schools? These are systemic injustices that must be righted.

We cannot move forward in justice if we refuse to acknowledge past injustices. None of us are free until all are free.

Regards.
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