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Hello-

I would like to add my voice in support of Proposition 2. I have lived in Vermont nearly my entire 55 years. As we become more diverse, I crave even more diversity. Diversity makes us richer in so many ways, from new businesses, to culture, to skills, to experiences, to food, to representation for our youth to see themselves in others every day. By welcoming in more people to our state, we all benefit from a more diverse Vermont community.

I want the not-white Vermonters that chose this state as their home, to feel like Vermont IS a home and a place to stay. Prop 2 is one step in showing our Vermont community that we have the backs of Black Vermonters that move here and have been our valuable community members for generations. Vermont can show that we are willing to right the wrongs that we need to in order to make life here better for all. We don't fully thrive as a Vermont community until we all thrive.

I hope you all really seek and listen to the people that leaving this in our Constitution affects the most.

Please move this bill forward.

Thank you,
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