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My name is Beverly Little Thunder, I have been working with Seeding Power to help marginalized individuals gain access to land stewardship.

I am asking you the appropriations body to ensure that the Land Access and Opportunity Board has the 4.8 million dollars it needs to succeed in providing a reparative framework to put marginalized Vermonters in ownership of land within Vermont

This charge has been led by community organizers like myself and our supporters. Trust us to know what we are doing and what we can do to achieve our goals. The LAOB was changed with a difficult task and rose to the job , producing the Sunrise Report. Now Vermont has the opportunity to show their commitment to equality by appropriating 4.8 million needed for their the work ahead.

Reparations can be begun by approval of this request. Please do not just give lip service the marginalized population of the state we all love. To do so would be to repeat a embarrassing history.

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Or Thank you in My language of Lakota