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The Honorable James Lankford
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Commemoration of Greenwood—Black Wall Street — S.1051 and the documented record

Dear Senator Lankford:

We write with respect for a record you built. On May 22, 2025, the Senate unanimously passed your bill — S.1051, the Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National Monument Establishment Act — and on May 26 it went to the House, where it has waited at the desk since. In your own words: “The Historic Greenwood District/Black Wall Street area in North Tulsa deserves its place among our nation’s significant historic locations... which is something our nation should never forget.” (lankford.senate.gov.) We agree. And the record we carry to Congress this week is why it must never be forgotten.

On September 9, 2026, the President of the United States stood before the first RNC midterm convention, in Dallas, Texas, and named reparations on a national stage: “They want to steal your money for reparations. They want to basically punish you for crimes that you never committed that happened hundreds of years ago, and our country doesn’t have that kind of money... And give it to the people that hate our country. The people that hate our country are asking for it, but it’s going nowhere.” (September 9, 2026, first RNC midterm convention, Dallas, Texas — transcribed from video of the address; no official White House transcript exists.) Seven years earlier, in the White House East Room, the same President looked at three hundred young Black Americans and said: “African Americans built this nation — you built this nation.” (October 4, 2019, Young Black Leadership Summit; archived White House transcript.) Both things cannot stand.

Greenwood is where the ledger was written in ash. On May 31 and June 1, 1921, a white mob murdered hundreds of Black Tulsans, burned more than 1,250 homes, and destroyed the most prosperous Black community in America — a community that, in the federal government’s own archival records, had been built from nothing into a city within a city. The Project 2033 record documents 1,574 verified observations of the national harm drawn from 17 federal sources. Greenwood is the observation every other one stands beside.

Your bill is the commemoration this record demands. A national monument at Greenwood would enshrine what the mob tried to erase — the sorrow, the strength, and the hope — into the fabric of America’s story, in the bipartisan form the Senate has already spoken for. We make you no other ask today, and we imply none. What we ask is commemoration: use your voice during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Annual Legislative Conference week and after to press the House to move S.1051 off the desk and onto the floor.

The public has signed on: **5 signatures** and counting. Congress should lead — or answer.



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