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Subject: OR Massacre Sign

Good evening, Mr. Behrendt

I am writing about an article I saw in today's Friday Updates regarding the historical marker that was taken down. Frankly we need to stop trying to rewrite history. I am sorry someone's feels got hurt and offended by something that has happened in the past. The question we need to ask is, did what the sign say happen? Is it historically accurate? If the answers are yes then leave it the way it was. If that is what happened then it is fact. Sometimes facts hurt. If you had the ability to talk with residents of Durham from when it happened I am sure they would be offended no probably more pissed off that residents today wanted to make the language more inclusive or whatever other bs people are trying to do. 100 of our fellow Durham residents were KILLED or CAPTURED (lord knows what happened to those poor folks). We shouldn't be trying to minimize that. Put the sign back up the way it was and learn from History stop trying to change it.

Thank you for your time.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

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