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Please reconsider!! She is a hero and would be an incredible voice for our kids to hear. Racism is the most important issue in our nation and our kids need to be educated on overcoming white supremacy. What Bree did was an act of peaceful protest against a racist symbol and she should be celebrated and received with honor. Many historical people who broke laws to speak out against injustice have gone down in history as heroes who helped change our world for the better as I think Bree will be remembered. She is brave and unafraid as I hope you will be and reinstate her talk. Our kids deserve it and our community needs it. Thank you for considering, melissa