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## **NBCI Demands Jail Time for McDonnell if Convicted in the Name of Democracy**

*Continued Corruption Will Leave Politicians Answering to God*

**Washington DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African American churchgoers is demanding that justice be delivered to the constant stream of politicians who continue to taint public service with lies and corruption. The most recent indictment of former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell is the latest display of public servants losing sight of their duties and illegally accepting gifts, luxury vacations and large loans in exchange for service and a voice that should belong solely to constituents and voters.

So-called leaders such as former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell have used their positions to take advantage of the poor for the benefit of the wealthy and well-connected. The same people purporting to represent the masses maliciously lie to those they serve. The church was been shamelessly used as a crutch when they falter, yet politicians ruthlessly assault the same church's theology by trying to force the acceptance of homosexuality, gambling and drug legalization.

Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President, says, "I have often prayed for and with politicians from all stripes of political persuasions. I ask God to have mercy on their souls because many of them have no problem lying to ministers. They claim to be in favor of a moral position, and then abruptly turn around and vote against God's will. This contradictory behavior, littered with lies and theft, angers God"

Evans went on to say that, "This two-faced reality is why NBCI refuses to write letters on behalf of Jesse Jackson Jr. He disrespects ministers of the Gospel, and the ethics and teachings of Jesus. Now former Governor McDonnell finds himself in the same position. Here is a man who has presided over the death of men, overseeing a vicious death penalty when that is God's work and God alone. Now that the tables are turned, God will have the last word."

NBCI is sickened by a generation of politicians who only use their faith to win votes, who rarely stand on the word of God despite public opposition. The church believes that God has grown tired of this, and grows impatient seeing leaders using their elected office as a means to get rich and ignore the poor. Most politicians never vote on behalf of their constituents but serve as a water boy to argue for tax exempt status for large corporations and those who can help their own pocketbooks.

Former Governor McDonnell is without a doubt in this category. He has demonstrated little mercy on the poor or those who found themselves on the wrong side of the law. Now he must ask for God's mercy which he has shown little of. Now for the sake of our democracy he must defend himself with the same mercy that he showed to others.

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).