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NBCI Calls Dennis McGuire Execution Inhumane, Void of God's Mercy *Represents Worst Possible Display of Humanity*

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 morally outraged of the way in which our brother in Christ Mr. Dennis McGuire was executed. NBCI is and always will be opposed to capital punishment and any state to take a life—especially the State of Ohio. Life in prison without the chance of being paroled is the most humane and ethical of dealing with someone who has committed such a hideous crime.

Mr McGuire, an Ohio inmate sentenced to death, fell prey to the hands of cruel and unusual punishment on Friday when an untested combination of chemicals left him gasping for breath and taking nearly thirty minutes to die – the longest execution in the history of Ohio's capital punishment since it resumed 15 years ago.

The Rev Anothony Evans, President of NBCI says, “The manner in which Ohio chose to experiment on this human being speaks to the baseless ethical character of Governor Kasich and his administration. The State of Ohio has committed murder without mercy. The universal Christian church loves all of God's children and believes wholeheartedly in mercy and forgiveness. Evil is the only appropriate word to describe the agonizing death of Mr. McGuire. We will not have any part of the State of Ohio brutally murdering God's children, though they will in the end have to answer to God.

NBCI and its member churches continue to express their love and compassion for all Mr. McGuire victims and their families and friends—for their everlasting suffering and hurt.

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.