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## **34,000 African American Churches Stands With Governor Pat McCorry and the State Of North Carolina And HB2**

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opposite to their biological sex*

**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 Americans support in general the principles that govern HB2. Our understanding of the law HB2 is to allow individuals to use any restroom corresponding with their biological sex in which they were born with. We understand that the crux of the argument of this law has to deal with state powers within state jurisdiction, in this case North Carolina. In other words, the city of Charlotte's ordinance was overturned by the state of North Carolina. That is the crux of HB2. The effects of this legislation mandates simply that if you are a male use the male restroom and if you are female by birth, use the female bathroom. This seems very straightforward to the church. This is why the Church offers its clear support and endorsement to Governor Pat McCorry in the State of North Carolina.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative decries, "This is beyond ridiculous. Here's another example of why it is very difficult to reach any accommodation with the gay community as they continue to push society in a way that allows them to set the morality

of this culture. The Church will have none of this. This is why we stand with Governor Pat McCrory and the State of North Carolina on HB2. The Church will never allow a gay male individual to utilize the women restroom in our churches. We will only allow them to use the bathroom according to their biological sex. And we are prepared to sue the gay community if they try to encroach on the authority of the Church by trying to use us as a test constitutional case in our own churches.”

The gay community as a part of its constitutional thrust to utilize the courts and the justice department to force...by the court, law enforcement or other means those of us who have a religious obligation to our faith and to protect children. Granted that the Catholic Church continues to violate the innocence of children and the black church has repeatedly spoken out against this systematic abuse of our children. In this case our gay brothers and sisters continue to insist that they have a moral and constitutional right to use any public or private bathroom facility, according not to their birth sex but according to their psychological sexual state.

The Black Church says this is wrong and borders on being ridiculous and we do not believe in any way that we are hateful because we side with common sense. We understand that this is a part of the gay community’s radical agenda to force all of us...those who have a faith or not, to adhere to their immoral, unacceptable and according to the Church, wicked lifestyle. The Church continues to love our gay brothers and sisters with our whole heart but how can you love a community that insists on reinterpreting scripture and basic decent standards of public accommodations? We will continue to stand with the Governor and the State of North Carolina on the issue of same-sex bathrooms (bathroom of your biological being).

The Church does recognize that there may be need for an amendment to this bill because it may encroach on the human dignity of our gay brothers and sisters but we are prepared to allow the courts to sort this out. But we are not prepared to hold the same interpretation when it comes down to simply use of public restrooms. We know that the gay community will never rest unless it completely transforms the Church theology and structure to accept their lifestyle, which is completely unacceptable to the Church.

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino 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. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI’s purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. 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).