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National Black Church Initiative Urges Lawmakers To Kill the Same Sex Marriage Bill In New Jersey

34,000 Black Churches threaten economic boycott of the state

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 34,000 churches across the United States, warns the New Jersey legislature not to pass the same sex marriage bill. NBCI believes the bill is morally wrong, reprehensible and an affront to the idea of marriage between one man and one woman, and if it passes will tell all of its churches to participate in a faith-based economic boycott of the state. NBCI will prompt its congregants across the country to not vacation or spend money in New Jersey and boycott all New Jersey based businesses. NBCI will encourage Black Churches to not hold conventions or conferences in the State of New Jersey for the next ten years if this bill passes.

According to NBCI the church teaches that marriage is the unique human institution that bonds men and women in a permanent relationship. In marriage men and women experience a complementarity in which they cooperate and bond physically, psychologically and emotionally. Together in marriage, they imitate Christ's relationship with the Church. Marriage is more than two people who love each other, however. It is also the place where children are created and nurtured with the complementary gifts of mother and father. For this reason, throughout all time, cultures have recognized and valued marriage between a man and a woman.

NBCI has 2,252 member churches in the State of New Jersey and we are urging all of their congregants to call their Senators and tell them to kill this bill, number A818. This is a clear case of political trickery by the gay community and sympathetic members of the Democratic Party. The New Jersey Senate should know that church goers in New Jersey are obligated to not support any persons or candidate who does not uphold the traditional definition of marriage between a man and a woman. The gay community is displaying a sense of desperation because of their unbelievable loss in both Maine and New York, and they are using every political trick to undermine the principles of democracy by trying to deny the good people of New Jersey a vote on if they want same sex marriage to be part of their state constitution.

The government has no right to impose rules that would offend over 80 percent of the residents of New Jersey. Same sex marriage is divisive, unwarranted and has no biblical or legal grounds to stand on. We urge our gay brothers and sisters to give up this fight; they cannot win based upon the righteousness of God.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI, said, “I am urging all of our member congregants in New Jersey to oppose the same sex marriage bill because it is a violation of their Christian principles. I also urge all Christians to pray for our gay brothers and sisters. They must stop trying to impose their values on the church and attempting to rewrite the scriptures. The homosexual community should know that we truly and sincerely love them to the point that we will not allow them to enter into any marriages that offends or angers Almighty God. Everyone understands that if you love someone you do not allow them to harm themselves by trying to redefine God’s will for humanity concerning the issues of marriage. The deep love of our faith compels us to oppose this bill and to oppose anyone who will try to undermine or redefine the word of God. If this bill passes Black Churches around the country will not hold any religious meetings for the next ten years in the State of New Jersey for the next ten years. We will boycott the state. No state can stand a major religious organization denying them millions of dollars of revenue, especially in the midst of an ongoing recession.”

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 16,000 African-American and Latino member churches works to eradicate racial disparities in health-care. In addition to our member churches, we have 18,000 sister churches. NBCI is a faith-based health organization dedicated to providing critical wellness information and preventive health screening to all of its members. The African-American community ranks first in eleven different health risk categories. NBCI’s purpose is to partner with national health officials to provide health education, reduce racial health disparities, and increase access to quality health-care.