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The National Black Church Initiative Vows to Kill Maryland's Same-Sex Marriage Bill Again

The Black Church Will Punish The Democrats if Law is Enacted

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 dedicated to the eradication of racial disparities around the world, is urging the full force of its membership, 3,528 churches in Maryland - to stand together in solidarity against the state's same sex marriage bill. Governor O'Malley has already lost NBCI's backing, and its membership will continue to not support any of his future political aspirations.

The state's General Assembly session, set to begin soon, will determine the fate of the bill. Earlier in 2010 a measure driving to legalize same-sex marriage in Maryland cleared the state Senate but experienced pushback in the House of Delegates. It was then that unbelievable public pressure, especially from the Black Church on the Prince George's County Delegation, drove leaders to pull the bill from the House floor.

NBCI President Rev Anthony Evans says that "This piece of legislation is morally reprehensible and against everything the Black Church stands for. Marriage can only be between one man and one woman. No matter our past political alignment, any supporter of this law will immediately lose the political backing of the black church. We are watching each elected official's action on this issue, and will come to the polls in full force against those who seek to legislate against God's will."

NBCI's black leadership partners – 3,528 churches in the state of Maryland– are called upon to use their full force to draw attention to the imperative of reforming this shameful legislation. NBCI's collective political power will be used to fight against this tide of immorality that is

threatening our member churches and congregants in Maryland, and punish any Democrat or Republican, especially those African American lawmakers. The Democrats could be undermining President Obama's reelection if they continue to divide the Democratic constituency on these immoral issues.

NBCI continues to love our gay brothers and sisters. However, same sex marriage goes against biblical teachings and against the moral fabric that holds our society together. NBCI refuses to stand by idly while such laws stand to thwart the morality existing in society.

NBCI plans to publish a political hit list that will be distributed to its entire membership base detailing who is in support of the legislation and which district they live in, and each constituent will be alerted to their immoral stance. Let us be clear – the Black church is willing to defeat Black Democrats who vote for this issue.

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.