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## NBCI Speaks Out Against Bill Cosby

### *Victims Must be Compensated*

**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, is strongly condemning the alleged actions of actor Bill Cosby and is supporting calls for reparations for his victims.

On Wednesday, the California Supreme Court denied Cosby's petition to review Judith Huth's case alleging misconduct in 1974. The civil suit now can continue to the trial phase, and Cosby's deposition is planned over under oath in the next 30 days.

Rev Anthony Evans, NBCI president, said, "Cosby's actions are inexcusable and must be denounced. It saddens us to see someone whom our community respected for so long act in such an abhorrent manner. Cosby actions have broken the black church's trust. We are through with the business of apologizing and empty lip service, and are demanding the victims be duly compensated for the trauma they have endured."

Evans went on to say "the fact that Cosby is alleging consent while admitting his victims were under the influence of drugs is preposterous. No individual can give right-minded consent while sedated. No one."

NBCI leadership will continue its zero-tolerance policy for this type of behavior and do everything in its power to support those victims to ensure that their suffering does not go on.

## **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).