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The National Black Church Initiative Stands With the NFL And The NBA To Protest Police Brutality In Support Of Colin Kaepernick

*Black professional players must also financially support the Black
organizations who support them in the struggle*

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, supports the NFL and NBA players in their protest against racism and police brutality. NBCI also believes that the President intentionally confuses the debate around patriotism, this has nothing to do with patriotism. Racism is as common as apple pie and baseball in America as Malcom would say: Kaepernick should be commended for his courageous stance against racism and has demonstrated protests in the finest sense of being an American. We are glad to see that Black players are supporting Black players. This is very important

Rev. Anthony Evans, President “Again I commend African American athletes and even white athletes who are standing with Colin Kaepernick in his stance and ignoring the barbaric behavior of President Trump who has called them sons of bitches. The Church will answer Trump later concerning his behavior but right now we need all athletes to stand up and contribute to the

National Black Church Initiative GoFundMe Commission. I would appreciate it if Black athletes put their dollars where their hearts are. Not only for Colin Kaepernick but for Christ Jesus.”

The next step of course is for Black athletes to put their money where their mouths are, then we will truly have the beginning of a revolution in America. It costs them nothing to take a knee but this is why they should utilize their economic position to support organizations like the National Black Church Initiative and Black Lives Matter who are on the front lines every day to fight for the integrity of every human being especially Black people.

In July 7th of last year, we launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$750,000 to set up a commission to investigate police brutality. We are sad to say that none of those NBA or NFL players contributed to this GoFundMe campaign. We also during the same time issued a press release supporting Colin Kaepernick. We have been fighting police brutality for years. Black athletes have the power of the purse and can make this a more substantive campaign by helping us to raise \$750,000 to set up this Commission.

The Commission will investigate every single complaint that black people have against the police department and we will publish our findings and sue if necessary those individuals who violate the Civil Rights of African Americans. The late Johnny Cochran said that you have to police the police, what he meant is that you have to make sure that you have the same power to investigate the police if the police are investigating you and we are going to make this gets done and making it public so that everyone will have access to the evidence.¹

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.

¹ <http://www.naltblackchurch.com/pdf/gofundme-release.pdf>