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Mr. Jarl Mohn
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Dear Mr. Mohn

We are writing to express our sincerest disappointment in National Public Radio’s decision to cancel *Tell Me More*. This represents the third time NPR has cancelled a wonderfully-produced, nationally-recognized African American radio program.

As a representative of the African American community, this cancellation disheartens us deeply. The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans 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. The National Black Church Initiative’s methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

Tell me More is a brilliantly formatted radio program that showcases a multitude of viewpoints. Michele Martin is a wonderful host, whose interview skills unquestionably represent some of the best in the nation. The show represents some a shining light for African American broadcasters, and serves a much-needed role of minority voices in the media.

So, you can understand why this event is considerably saddening and demands action. Unfortunately, the decision to cancel *Tell Me More* has prompted our leadership to cancel all in-kind donations to NPR. We will also be urging our membership not to donate, and will advise those who are currently NPR sustainers to halt donations.

We have lost a great deal of hope that liberal or conservative talk radio leaders are committed to airing the African American perspectives.

NPR has abandoned the African American community, and we must turn a deaf ear to you. We cannot be expected to donate to a station who has failed minority voices in America.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Evans", written in a cursive style.

Rev. Anthony Evans
President