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The National Black Church Initiative Vows to Help Rescind Maryland's Same-Sex Marriage Law

The Black Church Plans to Organize Against Governor O'Malley

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 work together against the state's same sex marriage law.

The new law, which Governor Martin O'Malley signed into effect March 1, is set to go up for a referendum in response to intense political backlash from those groups supportive of biblical marriage. Maryland has never achieved a successful referendum on same-sex marriage legislation, and this will continue to be the truth as Christian voters head to the polls.

NBCI President Rev Anthony Evans says that "Governor O'Malley has once again proved his stance as a morally reprehensible legislator and failure to his Christian faith. Marriage can only be between one man and one woman, and Governor O'Malley has put the nail in his political coffin by signing this law into effect. The Black Church will come to the polls in full force to protect biblical marriage and force out from 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 overturning 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. Let us be clear – the Black church will organize against Governor O’Malley and defeat this bill for the sake of upholding moral law in the United States.

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.