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## **The National Black Church Initiative calls on President Obama to Declare his support for Jobs for Black People not for Gay Marriage**

*We have a 25% unemployment rate*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative, a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is sad to see that the Obama administration is sending the gay marriage political trail balloon up again. We love our gay brother and sisters, but the black church will never support gay marriage. It is and it always will be against the ethics and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church believes that anyone who violates the teachings of Christ should be denied the right to communion. President Obama is using the Vice-President Biden and Secretary of Education Duncan as trail balloons.

NBCI begs President Obama in Christ not to declare his support for same-sex marriage. It would harm his soul and undermine his Christian witness.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI says “the current move by the Obama administration on same sex marriage will cost him support from the black church. The administration knows all too well that even though we love the President, the black church will never support same sex marriage. They must stop taking black voters for granted. We view this as pandering to the gay community after they have done more for them than for the black community. We do not need to talk about same sex marriage. The black community only wants to talk about jobs, jobs and jobs.”

The President and the Democratic Party should also be prepared to lose 15 to 25 percent of the Black Christian vote. The Black Church will never support anyone or any issues that go against our personal faith and belief in God, Christ Jesus and the Bible.

We are appealing to President Obama to use your energy to bring jobs to our community. Black unemployment is 25%, including those who have given up looking for work. 70% of black youth do not have jobs and there is 50% black male unemployment in every major American city. We do not want your administration to be only concern with gay rights, how about our rights -- Trayvon Martin and our black families.

We too are Americans.

### **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. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. The National Black Church Initiative'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).

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