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34,000 Black Churches Says NO to ENDA, NBCI Urges the House Not To Take Up Bill

Legislation limits Church's Free Speech

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative, a coalition of 34,000 churches representing 15.7 million African American churchgoers, urges the US House of Representatives not to bring the Employee Non-Discrimination Act of 2013 (ENDA) to the floor for a vote. This bill is not about civil rights - this vote will automatically discriminate against every Black Church in America and undermine our ability to carry out our mission to target pastors following their biblical mandate.

The Rev Anthony Evans, President of NBCI said “This bill does not discriminate against our gay brothers and sisters; it discriminates against the church. Congress should never be in the business of codifying sin. ENDA will have the unintended consequence of giving the gay community the power of litigation to legally force the Christian church to accept their wicked and unbiblical behavior. This undermines the mission of the Christian church. It is nothing other than a Trojan horse built to attack the foundational institution of marriage between a man and a woman.”

We love our gay brothers and sisters, but we will not stand by and allow them to make this moral mistake and be used by the left-wing liberals who despise the church and our congregants. Therefore we urge Speaker Boehner not to allow this bill to be taken up.

EDNA's precedent will allow state courts around the country to find easy rationale for ruling against any organization or business that treats same-sex 'marriage' as different from biblical marriage. Under the law, an individual holding the common-sense belief that marriage is about giving kids a mom and a dad would be subject to punishment. Expressions of support for true

marriage in the workplace would no longer be a fundamental right, but discriminatory, bigoted and an actionable offense!

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.