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## NBCI Supports Ban on Cellphone Use During Flights

*It Will Cause Chaos in the Sky*

**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 American churchgoers, supports the current ban on cellphone use while flying. Removing the current ban will encourage bad behavior at 30,000 feet in the air and is a recipe for chaos.

NBCI agrees with official aviation representatives and proponents of the present safety rules, who say that unless conclusive evidence is presented, passengers and flight crews should adhere to the current rules and regulations banning cell phone use in the skies. The technical and social factors that are entangled in the issue make simple cell phone usage much more complex than it seems, and it is not a simple discussion – rather it is a real safety hazard. The myriad of distractions will undoubtedly prove to be problematic, and on top of that there is no hard technical evidence proving that allowing cell phone use is absolutely benign.

Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President says, “I am an experienced flyer and a pastor who understands human behavior. Cellphone use will create an atmosphere of chaos. It is uncomfortable that approving such a regulation will create an unworkable environment for flight attendants, pilots and the flying public. Ban the cellphone use. We as human beings can do without our phone for two hours.”

NBCI will continue to advocate for the protection and safe travel of all passengers, and encourages regulators to reconsider any proposals that allow dangerous distractions simply to appease the masses.

## **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](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).