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## **National Black Church Initiative Calls the Paul Ryan Budget Evil and Void of Compassion**

*The Ryan Budget favors the Wealthy at the Expense of the Poor*

**Washington, D.C.**— The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a coalition of 34,000 churches spanning 15 denominations and representing 15.7 million African Americans believes Paul Ryan's Budget Proposal favors wealthy Americans at the expense of poor families. The tax cuts in Paul Ryan's 2013 budget plan would result in huge benefits for high-income Americans and very modest—or no—benefits for low income working households, according to a new analysis by the Tax Policy Center. Ryan's budget is not in line with church teaching concerning how we treat the poor, void of any compassion and even violates the American creed of social and economic equality. The budget condemns the poor to a second class status and permanently bars them from any opportunity of pulling themselves up by their own God given determination. This is why Ryan's budget was condemned by the US Conference of Bishops.

The Ryan budget would raise taxes on low-income families while cutting taxes for millionaires and corporations, push families into poverty, and kick 8 million people off of food stamps. We believe the Ryan budget ignores vital economic challenges, such as restoring full employment, rebuilding the middle class, curbing national health care expenditure, and stabilizing the long-term fiscal outlook. Simply put, the Ryan budget would largely exacerbate such challenges. We believe in taking a grounded approach in diagnosing problems and proposing serious, evidence-based solutions. As a result of adopting the Ryan Budget, the likely result would be a huge tax cut for those who need it least. The Democrat's budget, even though it is more inclusive, it is not a budget that liberates African Americans from their doomed economic position. It keeps us dependent on government handouts which is equally as evil as the Republican budget that completely ignores us.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI says, “NBCI wants to establish one critical point. The African American population pays billions of dollars in taxes, but we get little or anything out of the trillion dollar budget other than a tip and a structural and historic position to be dependent on government handouts. What we seek is wealth building resources to create our own wealth through strategic government assistance to create more business and create a more stable community structure where our families can grow.”

### **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.

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