



P.O. Box 65177
Washington, DC 20035
202 • 744 • 0184
dcbci2002@gmail.com

"Bringing people together to serve humanity"

December 1, 2022

Dear Attorney General _____:

My name is Reverend Anthony Evans and I am pleased to serve as the President of the National Black Church Initiative, an organization comprised of 150,000 African American and Latino churches constituting some 27.7 million members.

With nearly 20 years of professional experiences and collaboratives with major partnerships, the National Black Church Initiative utilizes faith and sound health science to institute programs governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work and offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. The mission of the National Black Church Initiative is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the broader public.

To that end, enclosed you will find a reflective paper that addresses the wide-spread impact of the opioid crisis for African American and Latino populations. The paper is inclusive of perspectives, perceptions, and practices about the opioid crisis and how African Americans and Latinos have been affected in impactful ways. What is also quite compelling about the opioid crisis is the percentage of church goers who have been adversely affected by the opioid crisis (Christensen, Berkley-Patton, and Bauer, 2020; Earls, 2019). The paper, too, is inclusive of those viewpoints to show the role of the church for those affected by the opioid crisis. I have also included two previous press releases that the National Black Church Initiative produced in regards to the opioid crisis.

Given the nature of the opioid crisis for African Americans and Latinos, the National Black Church Initiative assumes a unique position for those who are part of the faith-based community. Thus, I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about participating in a collaborative endeavor that offers a community-focused, culturally-relevant approach to address the adverse impact of the opioid crisis for African American and Latino church goers. Being able to engage in a strategic partnership between the National Black Church Initiative and you, as the State Attorney General, would impact our faith-based constituencies. Engaging in a purposeful partnership would provide the necessary resources to minimize the stigma of the opioid crisis for these respective communities.

I will follow up with your Office in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I can be reached via email dcbci2002@gmail.com or phone (202)744-0144. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important proposed collaborative.

Sincerely,
Reverend Anthony Evans
President; National Black Church Initiative