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Press Statement

For Immediate Release:

National Civil Rights Leaders Encourage President Donald Trump to Follow Example of Ronald Reagan and Denounce the Support of White Supremacists to United States Commission on Civil Rights

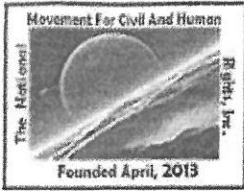
August 17, 2017, Montgomery County, Maryland.

The National Movement for Civil and Human Rights, an organization dedicated to protecting the advancements made during the Civil Rights Movement, today transmitted a letter to the White House and President Donald Trump demanding that he give rise to moral leadership and issue a clear unequivocal position on civil rights and his personal opposition to white supremacist organizations. The organization is comprised of clergy and civil rights veterans who fear President Trump's recent comments concerning the Charlottesville murder have caused racial divisiveness and are emboldening white supremacist organizations to publicly declare that President Trump is supporting their cause.

“When we see leaders of white supremacist organizations and the white nationalist movement publicly thanking the President for his misguided statements concerning the murder of peace activist Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, Virginia we can not remain silent. The President's words cast a dark shadow upon this great land and remind us that we must remain forever vigilant against the scourge of racism and hatred. America is better than this,” stated Dexter Wimbish, General Counsel.

The letter submitted to President Trump through the Office of Public Liaison provides three (3) recommendations including: Submitting a formal statement denouncing the support of white supremacists to the United States Commission on Civil Rights; Terminating all White House Staff with ties to the Atl-Right Movement; and Fully funding the \$9.183 million FY2018 budget appropriation request of the Commission on Civil Rights. The correspondence included a copy of a letter written by President Ronald Reagan on April 30, 1984 to Civil Rights Commission Chair Morris Abram denouncing hate groups. For more information please call Dexter Wimbish at 770-861-7054.

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August 16, 2017

The Honorable Donald Trump
President
United States of America
C/o Omarosa Manigault
Director of Communications, Office of Public Liaison
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with heavy hearts and righteous indignations that we write this letter to express our disappointment of your most recent statements concerning the murder of Heather Heyer by a Neo Nazi in Charlottesville, Virginia. On this past Saturday, August 12, 2017, America stood at the crossroads of racial healing and racial divisiveness, and the world turned to you to take a stand for justice, equality, and morality. Incredibly, you chose to abandon the majority of the American people to side with a group of racists and their fabricated belief that America seeks to disenfranchise them. You further stoked the coals of racism and fascism by attempting to place those repugnant individuals on the same moral ground as the counter protestors who saw their brave sister run down by hatred and bigotry. Although there may have been some misguided acts of violence by counter demonstrators, they were present to take a moralistic stand against the vile beliefs of a group of racists who publicly support you.

Yet despite our disappointment and disapproval, Proverbs 11:14 reminds us that "Where there is no guidance the people fail, but in abundance of counsellors there is victory." Therefore, rather than engage in prolonged rhetoric that will fall upon deaf ears, we offer three recommendations for your administration to consider. These recommendations are designed to move our beloved country to a place where tolerance, respect, and love can ultimately lead us to the table of brotherhood. Dr. King spoke of this table in his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963 which lies just one mile from the steps of the White House.

Recommendations:

1. Publicly denounce the support of any members of the KKK, Neo-Nazi, Alt-Right, or other white supremacist organizations. It is not enough to simply state that these organizations are repugnant, but Americans deserve an unequivocal denouncement that their support is not wanted. We ask that you follow the example of President Ronald Reagan who on April 30, 1984 sent a letter to the Honorable Morris B. Abram, Chairman, United States Commission on Civil Rights, declaring that there must be a unified rejection of hate in politics. **(See Attachment 1)**

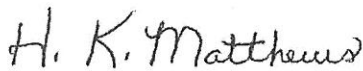
2. Immediately terminate those individuals currently serving on the White House staff with ties to the Alt-Right Movement including Chief Strategist Steve Bannon, Senior Policy Adviser, Stephen Miller, and Deputy Assistant, Sebastian Gorka. Their continued presence sends a strong signal to the American people that your administration is aligned with the divisive ideology of the White Nationalist and Neo-Nazi who are accused of perpetrating the murder of Heather Heyer.
3. Approve the United States Commission on Civil Rights FY2018 appropriation request of \$9.183 million to support the commission's civil rights agenda of promoting equal opportunity without regard to color, race, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. The appropriation will allow the Commission to serve as a civil rights "watchdog;" advise and collaborate with the President, Congress, and other federal agencies; and provide the public access to critical civil rights information. In addition, we would respect your office to ask the Commission on Civil Rights to propose a budget and proposal to conduct a comprehensive study of Civil Rights in the United States and provide a set of recommendations for improved enforcement of the Civil Right Act of 1964. We ask that the process include national hearing on race and Civil Rights that would allow input and participation by the American people.

We are hopeful that you are receptive to our concerns and our request to have an opportunity to meet with you to discuss these issues in more detail. Please contact us at -301-762-1822 or rrmoone2@aol.com to discuss the setting, appointment date, and time.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ruby Reese Moone
Chair



Rev. H. K. Matthews
President

Dexter Wimbish



General Counsel

Letter to the Chairman of the Commission on Civil Rights Concerning the President's Views on the Ku Klux Klan

April 30, 1984

Dear Morris:

While in China, I have been distressed to learn that some individuals back home have questioned whether my views on the Ku Klux Klan have somehow changed since 1980. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In 1980, I said that I have no tolerance for what the Klan represents, and would have nothing to do with any groups of that type. If anything, my feelings on this subject have only grown stronger. The politics of racial hatred and religious bigotry practiced by the Klan and others have no place in this country, and are destructive of the values for which America has always stood. Those of us in public life can only resent the use of our names by those who seek political recognition for the repugnant doctrines of hate they espouse.

I firmly believe that there is no room for partisanship on this question. Democrats and Republicans alike must be resolute in disassociating ourselves from any group or individual whose political philosophy consists only of racial or religious intolerance, whose arguments are supported only by intimidation or threats of violence.

We must, and will, continue our unified rejection of such elements of hate in our political life, for while there are many issues which divide us, it is fundamental principles such as this which will always draw us together.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

[The Honorable Morris B. Abram, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1121 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20425]