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**MS NAACP RESPONDS TO SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON
IMMIGRATION**

Mississippi State Conference NAACP is concerned that the United States Supreme Court's decision not to strike down the "show me your papers" portion of SB 1070 will enhance incidents of racial profiling in Arizona and throughout the rest of the country. Although the court struck down other key components of the law, including a provision that made it a state crime for undocumented immigrants to seek work, it upheld, perhaps, the most dangerous section of SB 1070.

"We hope that the Ninth Circuit continues to block the key portion of Arizona's immigration law that allows law enforcement to ask about immigration status during stops," says Derrick Johnson, MS State Conference President. "This section of SB 1070 is legalized racial profiling that threatens the safety of both immigrants and citizens in Arizona."

NAACP President and CEO Ben Jealous issued a statement in 2010 condemning the passage of SB 1070 saying, "The NAACP is outraged that in 2010, a sitting Governor would sign a law that empowers local law enforcement to legally use racial profiling to target entire communities. It is a violation of the respect for human rights that is the moral standard of our nation."

The MS State Conference NAACP is opposed to any and all law enforcement tactics that use race as a key factor. Racial profiling threatens the safety of citizens by allowing biased factors to determine how laws are enforced, instead of focusing on solving crimes by using concrete data.

"We will continue to monitor incidents of racial profiling throughout the state of Mississippi," Johnson stated.

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