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The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Responds to President Trump's Remarks on Immigrants from Haiti and African Nations

ALEXANDRIA, VA – President Donald Trump continues to open the wounds of racism, degradation, and pain for many people of African descent across this nation. The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) repudiates President Trump's recent comments referring to immigrants from Haiti and African nations. The crass language deployed is inherently stereotypical and not becoming of our commander in chief. America stands as a melting pot by bringing together the best talent from across the globe. The talents and strengths of those who call this nation home aren't limited to countries like Norway, as the President seems to believe.

Haiti and numerous African nations have provided America with leaders in business, finance, politics, law enforcement, and various other fields. The inherent racism and classism present in President Trump's comments should never be representative of the highest office in the land. The leader of the most powerful nation on Earth has a responsibility to stand as a positive shining example for those at home and abroad. At a time in America where the seeds of division are spreading, our president should seek to destroy them not provide the fertile ground for their growth.

"The statement made yesterday by President Donald Trump, on the eve of the 86th commemorative birthday celebration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds me of Dr. King's words," stated NOBLE National President Clarence E. Cox, III. "When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love. When evil men would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo, good men must seek to bring into being a real order of justice. When evil men plot, good men must plan."

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblenational.org.

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