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NBCSL APPLAUDS THE SUPREME COURT AND ITS DECISION TO UPHOLD ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 2016 – In a 4-3 decision the U.S. Supreme Court uphold the affirmative action program at the University of Texas, effectively ending the legal proceedings in *Fisher v. University of Texas*. NBCSL President Sen. Catherine Pugh (MD) offers the following statement:

“The National Black Caucus of State Legislators applauds the Supreme Court for their decision in *Fisher v. University of Texas*. Access to higher education and potential opportunity should be a main priority for all schools across the nation. Programs like affirmative action assist schools in ensuring diverse student bodies as well as enable schools to provide opportunities to those who might have gone without. As the nation continues to change, grow, and develop, it is imperative that our classrooms, places that will serve as incubators for our future leaders, reflect the diversity of race, ethnicity, life experience, age, and beliefs that make our nation great. “

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About NBCSL

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) is composed of nearly 700 Black state legislators across 46 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its primary mission is to develop, conduct and promote educational, research and training programs designed to enhance the effectiveness of its members, as they consider legislation and issues of public policy which impact, either directly or indirectly upon "the general welfare" of African American constituents within their respective jurisdictions.

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