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Honorable Barack H. Obama  
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Dear President Obama:

Blacks In Government® (BIG), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of federal, state and municipal employees, current and retired, and with hundreds of chartered chapters all across the United States and abroad. BIG is the nation's oldest and largest public service employee advocacy organization which seeks to represent 4 million government employees. Our primary mission is to advocate for racial equity and excellence in all levels of government, to eliminate practices of racism and racial discrimination, to provide educational opportunities for Blacks in government, to serve as a national respondent to the need for African Americans in public service, to organize around issues of mutual concern, and to use our collective strength to confront workplace and community issues.

On August 13, 2012, the enclosed resolution was adopted by our National Delegates Assembly in Detroit, Michigan requesting a statewide probe into the disproportionate number of African Americans perceived as victims of racial bias walking, driving and breathing while Black and Brown by law enforcement procedures and are being killed with impunity, abused, profiled, arrested, charged with drug use and possession, sentenced, imprisoned and placed on Death Row by State and Municipal governments officials all across America, unequally in comparison to similar charges and incidents by White Americans.

We ask your endorsement of our resolution to discuss ways of alleviating the fears of Black and Brown Americans that neither them or their children or loved ones will be disproportionately profiled, arrested and/or killed by police or vigilante citizens and will not be disproportionately denied equal justice under the laws of this great nation. If you have any comments, please contact me at (202) 667-3280 or by email at [bignational@bignet.org](mailto:bignational@bignet.org).  
Thank you for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,

J. David Reeves  
National President

Enclosure - Resolution – BIG Joins National & International Community Calling for U.S. Justice Probe in the Trayvon Martin Homicide and on Racial Disparities in the U.S. Criminal Justice System Perpetuating Nationwide Fears in Black and Brown Americans

Cc: David A. Groves, Chair, National Board of Directors

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Abolish the Death Penalty, Federally Employed Women – Legal & Education Fund, the Aboriginal Moabite Nation and many others;, and

**WHEREAS** statistics published in official reports such as, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Control and in many State and Municipal publications and, expert researchers in colleges and non-profit affiliates, national and local television programs, major newspapers such as the Washington Post, The New York Times and a New York Post Sunday morning cover-page stating, “Bigots With Badges” and, many social justice experts such as research author Michele Alexander’s recent book, “The New Jim Crow”, all indicate some systemic form of nationwide racial inequities, barriers, negative perceptions, along with a rise in Hate Crimes coupled with abhorrent historical racial injustices, has fueled widespread and overall distrust by Black and Brown people relating to the entire U.S. Criminal Justice System; and

**WHEREAS**, a famed racial profiling incident occurred on July 16, 2009, when Harvard University Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. was arrested at his Cambridge, Massachusetts home by a local police officer responding to a 9-1-1 caller's report of men breaking and entering Gates own residence as depicted on YouTube’s Africa news and information from the Voice of America (VOA) network and with expert commentary from BIG Heritage Chapter President and retired Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Matthew Fogg, (view) > <http://tinyurl.com/le2rgt> ; and

**WHEREAS**, Gates’ arrest initiated a series of events that unfolded under the spotlight of the international news media highlighting racial profiling when President Barack Obama commented on the incident, criticizing the arrest while, the response by the police and some Law enforcement organizations and members voiced objections to Obama's comments, most Black and Brown Americans supported the President’s remarks believing that racial profiling and police misconduct is in fact, an epidemic in America that leads to the disproportionate and unjust arrest similarly depicted in the Professor Gates incident, although President Obama stated later that he regretted his comments and hoped that the situation could become a “teachable moment”; and

**WHEREAS**, later President Obama invited Vice President Joe Biden to join him and Police Officer Crowley and Professor Gates in a private, cordial meeting in a courtyard near the White House Rose Garden; this became known colloquially as the "Beer Summit"; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent homicide incident epitomized the on-going racial profiling fears and concerns of Black and Brown mothers and fathers all across America that involved the death by homicide of 16 year old Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black male killed in Florida while walking home through a gated community and wearing a so called “hoodie” sweat shirt and carrying nothing but candy and a soft drink; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trayvon Martin incident has galvanized National and International media attention causing nationwide rallies and public outcry involving people and organizations from all race, nationalities, ethnicities and gender, calling for an end to racial injustice as viewed by the way Florida local law enforcement officials handle young Martin’s death and the overall national perception that “it was business as usual” because Black and Brown life is perceived as marginalized, minimized and devalued with pre-conceived notions that they are "guilty" until proven innocent in the U.S. criminal justice system as evidenced by statistical data as purported by Blacks In Government and many other news and social justice organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of people converged on the town of Sanford, Florida to say “enough is enough” along with massive protesting throughout the U.S. and aboard that created an atmosphere of

unity and calling for equal justice that finally, on April 11, 2012, the Florida State Attorney's Office under the pressure from public outcry, filed an affidavit of probable cause in support of second degree murder charges against George Zimmerman who was subsequently arrested; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

- (1) The National President of Blacks In Government will write a letter to the President of the United States Barack Obama and to the United States Attorney General Eric Holder requesting a nationwide Federal Probe into the disproportionate number of African Americans perceived as victims of racial bias, walking, driving and breathing while Black and Brown by law enforcement procedures and, are being killed with impunity, abused, profiled, arrested, charged with drug use and possession, sentenced, imprisoned and placed on Death Row by Federal, State and Municipal governments officials all across America -- unequally in comparison to similar charges and incidents by White Americans; and,
- (2) The National President of Blacks In Government will write a letter to each U.S. State Governor requesting a Statewide Probe into the disproportionate number of African Americans perceived as victims of racial bias walking, driving and breathing while Black and Brown by law enforcement procedures and, are being killed with impunity, abused, profiled, arrested, charged with drug use and possession, sentenced, imprisoned and placed on Death Row by State and Municipal governments officials all across America -- unequally in comparison to similar charges and incidents by White Americans; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

The National President of Blacks In Government will request a "Summit and Teachable Moment" with President Barack Obama and the United States Attorney General Eric Holder and, with as many State Governors' who will attend, to discuss ways of alleviating the fears of Black and Brown Americans that either them or their children or, loved ones will be disproportionately profiled, arrested and/or killed by police or vigilante citizens and similar conduct will occur by law enforcement / government officials such as in the Trayvon Martin or Professor Gates incident as current statistical data indicates, that thousands of Black and Brown people are disproportionately denied equal justice under the laws of this great nation.

Submitted by:

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