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## *Black and Jewish Communities Unite: Renewing the Voting Rights Act and Strengthening Bonds*

As a response to the October 7th attacks, on November 14, 2023, nearly 300,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C., to voice their solidarity with Israel in its fight against Hamas and condemn antisemitism. The rally, which was spearheaded by Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, had three primary objectives according to the event organizers - showing solidarity with Israel, demanding the immediate release of the hostages being held by Hamas and condemning the rise in antisemitic violence and harassment.

The following statement is made by Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder and President of the National Action Network (NAN); Martin Luther King III, Chairman, and Arndrea Waters King, President of the Drum Major Institute (DMI); Marc Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League (NUL); and Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP:

"Today, we are once again witnessing the devastating impact of violence on innocent civilians in the Middle East. We strongly condemn the terrorist attack on Israel, which has resulted in the targeting, killing, and kidnapping of civilians. The ongoing history of the region underscores its status as an unresolved and volatile conflict zone.

We reaffirm our shared commitment to one another, recognizing that our safety and futures are interconnected across the globe.

Our hearts are with the families of innocent victims, and we offer our prayers for their safety. We urge all our partners and allies to stand with us in solidarity, as it is crucial that hatred and violence come to an end."

