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**SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER OF 100 BLACK WOMEN IS OUTRAGED
By Racial Remarks made by Don Imus**

(Southern New Jersey) We the members of the Southern New Jersey Chapter are very disturbed by the racial remarks made by Don Imus on his nationally syndicated radio show about the mostly black Rutgers University's women's basketball team. He referred to them as "nappy-headed hos." While his intention was to be funny, the impact of his derogatory remarks has offended all African Americans.

These young black ladies attend one of America's top ranked universities and worked hard to make it to the NCAA tournament. They deserve nothing less than praise, not criticism. According to the American Heritage dictionary, a "ho" or "whore" is a prostitute. We, the members of the Southern New Jersey Chapter, NCBW, Inc. will not tolerate this behavior nor should the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). We are requesting that Don Imus and his producer be fired. Don must also seek diversity training. Considering he was named the 14th most influential talk show host, it is extremely important that his "comedic" remarks do not cross that fine line of ignorance and racism.

Launched in 2001, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., (NCBW) Southern New Jersey Chapter is one of 65 NCBW chapters across the nation. The organization's mission is to develop socially conscious female leaders who are committed to furthering equity and empowerment of their neighborhoods, rebuilding their communities and enhancing the quality of public and private resources for the growth and development of young black women committed to their educational goals.

The Coalition is dedicated to community service, the creation of wealth and the enhancement of career opportunities for women of color through networking.

Please visit the web site of the Southern New Jersey Chapter to learn more about its programs – email: www.ncbw-snj.org.