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**The United Supreme Council – Southern Jurisdiction Deplores SCOTUS Ruling Declaring  
Affirmative Action in Collegiate Admissions as Unconstitutional**

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the leadership of the United Supreme Council – Southern Jurisdiction announced their stern disappointment in the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court ruling on collegiate admissions.

“The ugly head of systematic racism and injustice has resurfaced again, aimed at destroying the fabric of equity in our institutions of higher learning,” said Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Corey D. Hawkins, Sr. “Affirmative action’s necessity to underrepresented groups leveled the playing field to allow our best and brightest to walk the hallways of their college or university of choice, as a result, the Supreme Court has effectively and systematically stood in the doorway preventing entry.”

As a longstanding partner in the civil rights movement, the United Supreme Council – Southern Jurisdiction provided critical support to fighting unjust laws and policies that impact African-American communities and communities of color. Historically, the membership of the United Supreme Council – Southern Jurisdiction such as Congressman John Lewis, Ambassador Andrew Young, Congressman Jim Clyburn, Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, among others, worked to level the playing field in the fight for civil rights.

“To rule affirmative action in college admissions as unconstitutional will deny many African-Americans the opportunity to attend some of the very institutions of higher learning, built on the backs of their enslaved ancestors,” continued Dr. Hawkins.

“This only serves as a reminder that the need to exercise our right to vote is critical in the decision-making process for the Presidency to fill vacancies not only in the SCOTUS, but throughout the federal judicial system and also, for Governors to fill vacancies in state courts as well,” Dr. Hawkins emphasized. “We detest the decision of the Supreme Court as an abhorrent move towards moving the country in the wrong direction.”

“This also serves as a reminder that the United Supreme Council must continue its longstanding tradition to support Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) through the United Supreme Council Charitable Foundation, and must encourage others to render avenues of support to HBCU’s as well,” stated Dr. Hawkins.

The United Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., is a non-profit fraternal order, organized in 1886. The United Supreme Council – Southern Jurisdiction prides its long history of working to support the educational advancement of communities of color and the strict adherence to the goal of fighting despotism and bigotry in all aspects of society.

The United Supreme Council Charitable Foundation is a tax-exempt, 501(c)3, non-profit charitable foundation aimed at supporting the long tradition of America's HBCUs, providing funding for the civil rights movement and aiding in the fight to thwart clandestine, irregular and bogus freemasonry in the United States.

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