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The Honorable Phil Murphy Governor, State of New Jersey PO Box 001 Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

We write today with respect to a racial discrimination and retaliation complaint filed against the State of New Jersey by New Jersey asset manager, Blueprint Capital Advisors.

While this complaint and the ensuing litigation began years before your term, we are hopeful that you will give your immediate attention to the very significant claims of discrimination and retaliation brought by this firm against the previous administration of the State of New Jersey, BlackRock Alternative Advisors, and Cliffwater LLC. It is long been the very important mission of the National Urban League to increase the participation by African American financial advisory and investment banking firms in the work of both public agencies and private corporations.

The allegations that have been brought to our attention are quite concerning to me. They involve the alleged theft of their proprietary tools and in a fashion that clearly is inconsistent with the spirit of fair play and the laws of the state and the nation.

This injustice can be corrected by your intervention and actions.

On behalf of the National Urban League, its 90 affiliates including our presence in the State of New Jersey, we ask you to carefully look into this matter and do what is necessary to rectify what is clearly an act of discrimination and retaliation that involves the State of New Jersey even as it may have occurred prior to your term as Governor.





We thank you in advance for your attention and we look forward to your response.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Marc H. Morial
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