

Dear NAACP Unit Presidents and Secretaries:

Under a longstanding agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, the National Office's consolidated (or "group") federal tax return includes the financial information for all compliant units that timely submit their financial reports to the National Office as required under the NAACP Bylaws for Units. This arrangement relieves units of the substantial burden of filing federal tax returns, and it provides the National Office and the Internal Revenue Service with an easy way to determine which units have met their tax-filing obligations. For this reason, chartered NAACP units *must* be included in the group tax return filed annually by the National Office.

Last year, the NAACP Board of Directors restructured the organization such that a newly-created entity (which took on the NAACP name) became the "parent" for the units and thus the lead entity for the Association's group tax return. That change requires, however, that *each and every* NAACP unit submit to the National Office the unit's written consent to be included in the new tax-filing group, and in the new group's tax return. Therefore, in order to maintain its status as a chartered, tax-exempt NAACP unit, your unit *must* complete and return the consent form linked [here](#). Instructions for completing and returning the consent form are linked [here](#).

The consent form must be completed, signed and returned no later than March 30, 2020, following a vote of the Unit's Executive Committee that is properly recorded in the minutes. The consent form must be completed by all units, including Youth Councils, College Chapters, Prison Branches, Junior Youth Councils, High School Chapters, local Branches and State Conferences. Failure to complete and return the consent form timely may result in revocation of your unit's NAACP charter and revocation of your unit's federal tax-exempt status. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to tlawson@naacpnet.org.

Sincerely,

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