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National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Urges Quick Relief for Texans

Many are still struggling to find shelter, food and warmth

ATLANTA, GA, February 20, 2021 – As the recovery from the historic snowfall and record freezing temperatures in Texas that left millions without water, power and gas over the past several days continues, our hearts go out to the residents who remain left in the dark, bitter cold, and have found themselves in uncomfortable and even dangerous situations.

We know the latest crisis only compounds the issues communities of color have endured during COVID-19. Many have been struggling to keep a roof over their heads, so surviving another catastrophic series of events can be more difficult for Texans who are living in older homes with at risk pipes in marginalized neighborhoods.

We understand that some of the predominantly black neighborhoods were among the first to lose power. With part of our organization's mission being to promote economic development, we know low-income households may not have the financial resources to seek safer accommodations or be able get back on their feet once the power and water are restored. We are hoping local and state officials are ready to step in to assist families who have homes that are now uninhabitable, or they may not be able to pay their next utility bills because of rising energy costs due to a surge in demand.

"It's moments like this that are essential for us to come together as a community to help those in need by providing immediate relief and resources. We have chapters in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. There are people we serve in areas that have been affected. Not only are we concerned about the safety and well-being of our people, but with everyone who has been overwhelmed by this crisis," said Virginia W. Harris, NCBW National President.

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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated is a 38-year-old advocacy organization whose vision is that black women and girls will live in a world where socio-economic inequity does not exist. Thus, we advocate on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. As a voice for millions of black women and girls in the United States, the Coalition believes in inclusion, respect, racial and social justice, integrity, accountability and collaboration. For more information visit the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. at www.ncbw.org

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