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### ***“Dr. Derrick L. Foward Responds to Congressman Mike Turner's Condemnation of Racist Video Released by President Trump”***

**DAYTON, OHIO – FEBRUARY 6, 2026** - Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), issued the following statement today in response to Congressman Mike Turner's condemnation of President Trump's release of racist video targeting President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama:

*"We are relieved to see Congressman Mike Turner take a strong stance against the recent release of a racist video targeting President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. His clear condemnation of this hateful and degrading video demonstrates that even in a time of division, we can still unite against bigotry.*

*However, the road to healing requires more than just words. Congressman Turner must continue to use his platform to address the harmful rhetoric and divisive politics that too often pollute our public discourse. We commend his denunciation of this specific incident, but we also call for ongoing efforts to tackle systemic racism and ensure that our leaders, regardless of party, hold themselves accountable for fostering unity, dignity, and respect for all.*

*The release of this video was an ugly reminder of the work still left to do in combatting racism, and we must remain vigilant. As we continue to honor the legacies of leaders like President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, let us all work together to promote a society where respect and justice prevail over hatred and division."*

Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the city's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the Dayton Region and Montgomery County are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. Their core goals are to **Inform, Educate and Empower** the Citizenry as they pursue justice and equality for all Americans.

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