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STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF JEFF SESSIONS AS ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Howard University Student Association will be attending the confirmation hearing of Senator Jeff Sessions, who is under consideration to become the next Attorney General. The Howard University Student Association strongly supports the planned actions of the Howard University Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (HU NAACP). While HUSA is a nonpartisan organization, the 56th Administration has been committed to fighting for the restoration of the Voting Rights Act since we were elected. The past two administrations of HUSA have also embraced voting rights as the focus for their political agendas.

Sessions' unfortunate record on voting rights, coupled several allegations of racism, make him a discouraging pick to serve as our nation's Attorney General. To have him succeed Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch, the first African American Attorneys General in our nation's history who have contributed so much to our fight for social justice, would be an insult to the civil rights community and repudiation to the progress this country has made.

"During our campaign, we told students that we would support efforts to restore the voting rights. Voting rights shouldn't be a partisan issue, but during his career Jeff Sessions has made it one. We hope that the Senate rejects the confirmation of Senator Jeff Session, as they did in 1986. We remain convinced that the bigoted views that he held 30 years ago are still relevant today and should be considered before giving him control of the Department of Justice," President Allyson Carpenter said.

Students interested in attending the second day of hearings with HUSA Wednesday, January 11th should contact husa@howard.edu.

The hearing will start in the Russell Senate Office Building at 9:30 a.m.