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WBCA Stands with The NABC To Defeat Michigan's Anti-Affirmation Action Proposal Number 2

ATLANTA, Ga. (November 2, 2006) -- The Executive Committee of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) has joined the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) to show opposition of Michigan's Proposal 2 -The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI). This proposal will appear on the November 7th ballot in the state of Michigan. The passage of this proposition would ultimately destroy the opportunities for the colleges in Michigan to have an avenue to assure their colleges a diverse population. In addition Proposal 2 is camouflaged as a civil rights proposition but unfortunately it is unfairly titled. Proposal 2 will end affirmative action if passed.

"The WBCA has always supported affirmative action, just as we have fought for 35 years to maintain Title IX," said WBCA President Doug Bruno. "I urge all of my fellow coaches and good citizens in the state of Michigan to defeat Michigan's Proposal 2 and continue to fight".

"We have seen what has happened in the state of California when affirmative action was removed less than 10 years ago," WBCA CEO Beth Bass expressed. "It amazes me that it is a constant struggle to remind people to do the right thing".