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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

For February 28, 2006

### **REVS. SHARPTON, DAUGHTRY, JOUBERT AND TWEED JOIN WITH NAACP, ACORN AND 100 BLACKS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO RALLY FOR SECURITY OFFICERS AT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING**

***-Coalition to Call on Peter Malkin of the Empire State Building and  
other Building Owners to Hire Responsible Security Contractors-***

New York – Community activists, religious leaders and clergy will lead a rally across the street from the Empire State Building, on Tuesday, February 28, to call on New York’s real estate industry and Peter Malkin of the Empire State Building to improve security and working conditions at commercial office buildings in New York, including the city’s most well-known landmark building. Some 2,000 people are expected.

The recent 66<sup>th</sup> floor suicide highlights the need for improving security standards at the Empire State Building. Copstat, the security contractor at the Empire State Building, pays its security officers as little as \$9 an hour. The company has been fined by New York State for using dozens of unregistered security officers.

On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, an open letter signed by former Mayor David Dinkins and over 130 community, clergy and religious leaders appeared in the *New York Times* calling on Steven Spinola, President of the Real Estate Board of New York, to pledge the real estate industry’s support for the campaign to raise wage, benefit and training standards for security officers.

**WHAT: March and Rally for Security Officers**

**WHO:** Rev. Al Sharpton, National Action Network  
Eric Adams, Co-Founder, 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement  
Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry, Pastor, The House of the Lord Church  
Hazel Dukes, President, NAACP New York State Conference  
Bertha Lewis, Executive Director, NY ACORN  
Rev. Dr. Phillip Charles Joubert Sr., President, Baptist Ministers Conference of  
Greater NY and Vicinity  
Rev. Nicholas Tweed, Macedonia A.M.E. Church

**WHEN: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 from 3:30-5:00 PM**

**WHERE: March Start: Manhattan Center, 311 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues)  
Rally Site: 34<sup>th</sup> St. & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Across from the Empire State Building)**

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