

LAW, JUSTICE, AND ETHICS (LJE)

Resolution LJE-23-26

RACE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STUDY OF THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF A BAN ON MENTHOL CIGARETTES IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, The National Black Caucus of State Legislators strongly supports a review of any public health or criminal justice policy that could have a negative impact on the Black community; and

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences of banning menthol cigarettes, though studied, has not produced any conclusions that can provide guidance to policy makers addressing this issue; and

WHEREAS, The National Black Caucus of State Legislators strongly encourages the Biden-Harris Administration to establish a commission, with representation from the entire stakeholder groups, and in conjunction with a research level Historically Black College or University (HBCU), a study of the criminal justice and public health impacts that a ban on menthol cigarettes could have on the Black community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and other federal and state government officials and agencies as appropriate.

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