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*****ADVISORY*****

Press Conference at Women's March on Sat. Sept. 30, 2017

*March for Black Women Conveners and Partners Speak Out in Support of Title IX and
Opposition to Recent Department of Education Rollbacks*

Partners and conveners of the March for Black Women will highlight why the recent guidance issued by the Department of Education undermines Title IX—a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education—creates confusion among schools, makes schools less safe, elevates the rights of those accused of sexual assault over survivors, and discourages survivors from coming forward to report assault. This guidance also leaves K-12 students in limbo as how to protect their rights under Title IX.

Featured speakers will underscore what's at stake for Black women and girls, on college and university campuses and why effective implementation of Title IX is critical to everyone's ability to stay and thrive in school. The recent rollbacks reflect the current Administration's reluctance to believe survivors of violence and protect their rights.

Who: Farah Tanis, Black Women's Blueprint
Ericka Dixon, Black Women's Blueprint
Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center
Toni Van Pelt, National Organization for Women
Indira Henard, D.C. Rape Crisis Center
Annie Clark, End Rape on Campus
Lisalyn Jacobs, National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

When: **Saturday, September 30, 2017 9 a.m.**
Immediately before the start of the March for Black Women

Where: In front of Capitol Hill United Methodist Church
421 Seward Square- Between 4th and 5th Sts., SE
Washington, DC 20003

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