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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS (LLBC) AND THE LOUISIANA NETWORKING SYSTEM (LANS) COMMUNITY OUTREACH TOUR

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, February 9, 1999**—Members of the Louisiana

Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC) and members of the Louisiana Networking System (LANS) will hold a statewide "Community Outreach Tour." The tour will visit five cities in Louisiana, including Shreveport, Alexandria, Lafayette, New Orleans and Baton Rouge, from February 24 through February 27, 1999. During the tour, LLBC and LANS will hold highly organized and structured "public hearings" with constituents and community leaders to discuss the effects of tobacco usage in local communities; the appropriation of the Tobacco Settlement Fund; and voter initiatives and referendums.

Information received from these public hearings will play a vital role in the compilation of the LLBC Agenda to be presented to the Louisiana Legislature during the upcoming 1999 Regular Session.

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During each public hearing, constituents will be provided an opportunity to share information on how they believe the tobacco monies should be spent. In addition, constituents will have an opportunity to express their views on voter initiatives and referendums, which allows individuals to bypass the legislature and place issues directly on the statewide ballots through petitions.

Individuals, who have been invited to participate in all or part of the LLBC/LANS Community Outreach Tour, include representatives from the Office of the Governor, the U.S. Surgeon General's Office, the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana Public Hospitals System, the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana State Senate.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** LANS is a subset of LLBC that includes all African American elected officials in Louisiana. In addition, following is a schedule of the LLBC/LANS Public Hearings. Any assistance you can provide in informing the public is greatly appreciated.

<b>Tour Date</b>	<b>Time of LLBC Outreach Meeting</b>	<b>Tour Stop</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 24, 1999</b>	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	La. State Exhibit Museum 3015 Greenwood Road Shreveport, La. 71109
<b>Thursday, February 25, 1999</b>	12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Alexandria Convention Hall (City Hall) 915 Third Street Alexandria, LA 71301

**Thursday,  
February 25, 1999**

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Lafayette City Hall  
Auditorium  
705 West University  
Lafayette, Louisiana

**Friday,  
February 26, 1999**

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

New Orleans Council  
Chambers (City Hall)  
1300 Perdido Street  
First Floor, East Side  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Saturday,  
February 27, 1999**

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

State Capitol Building  
Committee Room 5  
900 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana