

October 22, 2010

The Honorable Judge Johnny Panos  
DeKalb county Courthouse  
556 North McDonough Street  
Decatur, GA 30030

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**Re: Bishop Eddie Lee Long, Pastor of the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.**

Dear Honorable Judge Panos:

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Reuben Armstrong. I am currently a radio and television talk show host based out of Dallas, Texas. I am also the author of the book "Snakes in the Pulpit."

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and a social advocate. I stand as the voice of the children that cry out in silence due to sexual exploitation. As a human being, we are all mandated reporters when it comes to the abuse of children, this is not a position exclusive only to the teachers, counselors, or medical personal.

On behalf of the African American community, which is plagued with the onslaught of AIDS and HIV, I am seeking your consideration into the recent allegations made against Bishop Eddie Long. I am requesting that you, as the Honorable Judge of the court, mandate Bishop Eddie Long to submit to a confidential HIV/ AIDS test, along with other tests for sexually transmitted diseases.

My requests comes from the knowledge of the alarming statistics of these diseases within the African American community. These statistics are on the rise and it is behaviors such as the ones found in the allegations made against Bishop Eddie Long that perpetuate the rise of these diseases in our communities. If the allegations levied against Bishop Long are found to be true in your court, then this type of sexual behavior, has put these young men in danger of becoming part of the statistics.

The Center for Disease Control states that African Americans, both men and women, face the most severe burden of HIV within the United States. This population counts for the highest proportion (46%) of all cases at each stage of HIV from new infections to death. ([www.cdc.gov/hiv](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv)).

In a similar case in the State of Georgia, Bishop JD Husband from the Church of God in Christ, molested a young man who became infected with the AIDS directly due to this violation. The Bishop died from AIDS and the young man also lost his life to this horrific disease. This well documented and detailed case can be found on the website ([www.reportcogicabuse.com](http://www.reportcogicabuse.com).)

My request does not come by way of revenge, publicity, or persecution. I am not saying that the Bishop has this disease. I am saying that the alleged behaviors listed in the allegations of the court documents is behavior that promotes sexually transmitted diseases.

My requests comes from the concern of the young boys that allegedly have been sexually abused by Bishop Eddie Long and any that may be happening at the present and in the future.

In the event that he is found to be positive with any sexually transmitted disease, I request that his court date be pushed to the top of your docket so that his connection to the community would be limited.

Your Honor, my words cannot express how serious this matter is to me on behalf of the African American community. The health of many young boys may depend on this request. If it is within the powers of the law to mandate such a test to Bishop Eddie Long, this would be a pro-active defense in the fight against sexually transmitted diseases in the African American community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RA', written in a cursive style.

10/22/10

Reuben Armstrong

Author and TV/ Radio Personality