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Bakari Sellers to Lead New Community Support Organization
Organization aims to bridge gaps in rural and low-income communities

December 6, 2018— Former State Representative and CNN Commentator, Bakari Sellers, announced the formation of the Opportunity Project of South Carolina (Opportunity Project), which aims to close the gaps plaguing South Carolina communities in quality-of-life areas including healthcare, education and technology. Sellers will lead the organization, which is committed to narrowing the inequities for South Carolina’s citizens.

At age 22, Sellers joined the South Carolina House of Representatives, making him the youngest African American politician in the country. Hailing from Bamberg, South Carolina, Sellers launched Opportunity Project to help guide his home state in the direction of change.

“Rural communities across my home state and this country are plagued with enormous inequities and inequalities,” Bakari Sellers said. “Whether it be income inequality, or the lack of access to affordable healthcare, or the digital divide, we have to be far more intentional about how we go about closing those gaps and creating opportunity for the South Carolinians that need it most. The Opportunity Project is designed to help close those gaps.”

Through its own programming and capacity-building grants, Opportunity Project aims to bridge the gaps between South Carolinians and the rest of the world in the distinct areas of healthcare, education and technology.

Healthcare

Opportunity Project will provide support to organizations and provide programming to address health disparities where communities throughout South Carolina suffer from heightened risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and mental illness, as well as gaps in accessing affordable healthcare.

Education

Opportunity Project will provide support to organizations and people who support South Carolina schools and students with the goal of providing equal education opportunities, regardless of economic status or zip code.

Technology

Opportunity Project will work with community-based organizations, local governments and schools to help provide the necessary technological skills and tools to succeed in modern society. Opportunity Project will aim to ensure that every community in South Carolina is current with technological advancement and progress.

For more information on Opportunity Project of South Carolina, visit www.opportunityprojectsc.com.

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