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**Obama Statement on Comments Made by Former Education Secretary Bill Bennett**

WASHINGTON U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) issued the following statement about recent comments made by Bill Bennett on his radio show:

Mr. Bennett should immediately apologize to the nation for making a statement that clearly crossed the line.

Yesterday, on his radio call-in show, former Reagan Secretary of Education, William Bennett made the following comment, I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could -- if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossible, ridiculous, and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down. So these far-out, these far-reaching, extensive extrapolations are, I think, tricky.

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