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**WASHINGTON D.C. – Dr. Charles Steele, Jr., CEO and President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Kevin Kimble, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Global Policy Initiative (GPI) issued the following statement on Uganda’s January 14 elections:**

*“The SCLC and its Global Policy Initiative condemn Ugandan President Museveni’s deliberate subversion of human rights and repression of social justice. As Dr. King once wrote, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” We believe the plight of the millions of Ugandans who have been subjected to Museveni’s state-sanctioned repression, kidnappings, and disappearances must be addressed.*

*We strongly encourage a full and complete investigation of the recent elections. Specifically, allegations of political violence, rampant vote-rigging, ongoing social media blackouts, and the obstruction of independent election observers must be examined.*

*And most importantly, we ask that political opposition leaders, including Presidential contender Bobi Wine, be guaranteed safety.”*