

Obama says fire Imus

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NEW YORK - Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has become the only presidential hopeful from either party so far to say radio host Don Imus should be fired over racial slurs.

Obama Wednesday told ABC News he thought Imus should be fired and that he would never appear on the shock jock's show again.

Imus faces a two-week suspension from his CBS Radio-MSNBC show following a firestorm over his characterization of the Rutgers University women's basketball team as "nappy-headed ho's." Imus has apologized for the insult.

Obama told ABC if anyone on his own staff made a remark like that -- "about anybody of any ethnic group" -- that person would no longer work for him.

Obama said Imus' remarks fed "some of the worst stereotypes" his own daughters face in America. Obama called the comments "degrading."

Imus has lost major sponsors including American Express, General Motors Corp. and Procter & Gamble Co.

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