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Public Briefing
***The Federal Role in Enforcing Religious
Freedoms in Prison***

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WASHINGTON D.C. -- The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a [briefing](#) on Friday, May 17, 2024, on whether prisoners' religious freedom rights are being protected and enforced in accordance with constitutional and statutory provisions. This is an update to the Commission's 2008 statutory enforcement report, [Enforcing Religious Freedom in Prison](#).

At this public briefing, the Commission will hear from subject matter experts such as government officials, religious leaders, academics, prisoners' rights advocates, religious liberty organizations, and legal experts. The Commission will accept written materials from the public for consideration as we prepare our report; submit to rfip@usccr.gov no later than Monday, June 17, 2024.

DATE:

Friday, May 17, 2024, 10 am – 3:15 pm ET*

LOCATION:

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1150
Washington, DC 20425 (National Place Building F Street Entrance)

AGENDA

Introductory Remarks: 10:00 – 10:10 am

Panel 1: Constitutional and Legal Experts: 10:10 – 11:25 am

Break: 11:25 – 11:35 am

Panel 2: Religious Leaders & Direct Service Providers: 11:35 am – 12:50 pm

Lunch: 12:50 – 1:50 pm

Panel 3: Prisoners' Religious Rights Advocates: 1:50 pm – 3:05 pm

Closing Remarks: 3:05 – 3:15 pm

Adjourn Meeting.

The briefing will also be [live-streamed](#) on the Commission's YouTube page, virtual attendance is encouraged due to limited space.

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