



Public Comments on Immigrant Family Separation
In-person Session: January 25, 2019 (Washington, DC)
Written Submissions: Through February 25, 2019

On January 25, 2019, at our offices in Washington, DC, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold an in-person public comment session on the condition of immigration detention centers and status of treatment of immigrants, including children. The Commission seeks to hear from members of the public, including policy advocates, legal experts, affected persons, and other individuals who wish to speak on the issue.

Those who wish to address the Commission will have an opportunity to do so during the open public comment session that will take place beginning at 1:30 pm and running until approximately 4:00 pm Eastern Time (ET) on January 25. Each individual will have up to five (5) minutes to speak, with spots allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals will be able to register for open comment session speaking slots, both online and at the briefing (in-person). Please see options below.

Online registration:

On Friday, January 18, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. ET, individuals will be able to register to speak online at Eventbrite. This registration option will remain open until all slots are filled, and no later than 9:00 a.m. ET on Friday, January 25. An individual who successfully registers online must be physically present for the public comment session no later than 1:00 pm. ET on January 25, or risk forfeiting the individual's speaking slot.

In person registration, Friday, January 25, 2019:

Individuals will have the opportunity to sign up for a limited number of speaking slots, in person, the day of the public comment session, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25. If the online registration spots are not filled, or individuals who signed up online do not appear to claim their spot, these spots will open up to any further interested participants.

Submission of written comments:

The Commission also welcomes submission of written material for consideration. Please submit such information no later than February 25, 2019 to immigration@usccr.gov; or by mail to: OCRE/Public Comments, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425.

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