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**Michigan Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Public Briefing: *Voting Rights During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Michigan***

On September 21, 2020, via web conference, the Michigan Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host a public briefing to gather testimony on voting rights and voter protection in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee will examine the extent to which the pandemic may impact voters' access to exercise their right to vote regardless of race, color, disability status, national origin, age, religion, and/or sex.

**WHEN:** Monday, September 21, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET.

**WHERE:** This meeting will take place via web conference. To register for online access please visit the following link: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/xkia706f9ag&eom>

Audio will be provided through the following conference line: 800-367-2403;  
Confirmation Code: 1533765.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

To join this meeting, please use *both* the audio number *and* the online registration link. No audio will be provided through the online link. Persons with hearing impairments may follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and confirmation code.

A reserved period for public comment will be held at approximately 1:15p.m.

The Committee will accept written testimony submitted to [mwojnaroski@usccr.gov](mailto:mwojnaroski@usccr.gov) by Wednesday September 30, 2020.

This is the first in a series of meetings the Committee will host on the topic, and it is the only meeting that will take place in advance of the November 2020 election. Based on the testimony received, the Committee intends to publish a brief statement immediately following this panel discussion, outlining areas of concern for public interest in advance of the election. After the November election, Committee will host an additional series of meetings to evaluate/review the outcomes of the election from a voter protection standpoint.

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