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Michigan Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Study:

Voting Rights During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Michigan

The Michigan Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of public, web-based meetings 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 impacted voters' ability to exercise their right to vote regardless of race, color, disability status, national origin, age, religion, and/or sex. The following panels serve as a continuation of a series that began prior to the 2020 General Election. More information regarding the Committee's initial inquiry is available <u>here</u>.

The meetings will take place:

- Panel II: Monday, February 8, 2021 from 2:00 pm 3:30 pm ET
 - Online registration at: <u>https://bit.ly/3nKbjuV</u>
- Panel III: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 12:00 pm 1:30 pm ET
 - Online registration at: <u>https://bit.ly/3nMBHEQ</u>

The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to <u>mwojnaroski@usccr.gov</u> by Friday, February 19, 2021.

Supplemental Information:

Closed captions will be provided. People who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the above listed conference call number and access code. Individuals requiring other accommodations should contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 618-4158 five business days prior to the meeting to make their request.

The Michigan Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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