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**Appointment of Commissioner Norma V. Cantú  
by President Joseph R. Biden**

**Washington, DC** -- On February 9, 2021 President Joseph R. Biden appointed Ms. Norma V. Cantú as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Ms. Cantú is a Ken McIntyre Professor of Excellence in Education in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, and Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin, specializing in the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and education law. Ms. Cantú joins the Commission with a distinguished record of public service, including eight years as the Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights in the Clinton Administration and most recently, a member of the Biden-Harris Transition's "Agency Review Team" for education.

Commission Staff Director, Mauro Morales stated: "We extend a warm welcome to Commissioner Norma V. Cantú to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She has years of exceptional practical and policy-making experience in civil rights, education and in the federal government, making Commissioner Cantú a solid addition to the Commission. We look forward to incorporating her experience and judgment in advancing our mission of investigating comprehensive Federal civil rights policy and analyzing the enforcement of civil rights laws."

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