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**Appointment of Commissioner Mondaire Jones
by Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi**

Washington, DC -- On January 18, 2023, Mondaire Jones was officially sworn in as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by Staff Director Mauro Morales. Rep. Nancy Pelosi appointed former Congressman Mondaire Jones as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Please see the Congressional [Record](#) announcing the appointments.

Mondaire Jones is a former Congressman for New York's 17th District, encompassing parts of the Hudson Valley. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Jones championed civil rights, voting rights, democracy, and Supreme Court reform. In the 117th Congress, Mr. Jones served as the youngest member of House leadership and was named by Axios as the most legislatively active freshman member of Congress. He made history when elected as the nation's first openly gay, Black member of Congress.

Commissioners of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights serve six-year terms.

Commission Staff Director, Mauro Morales stated: "We extend a warm welcome to Commissioner Mondaire Jones and are excited to have him be a part of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He has years of exceptional practical and policy-making experience in civil rights and in the federal government, making Commissioner Jones a solid addition to our slate of Commissioners. We look forward to incorporating his experience and judgment in advancing the mission of the Commission, developing comprehensive civil rights policy, and overseeing the enforcement of civil rights laws."

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51 state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For information about the Commission, please visit www.usccr.gov and follow us on [twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).