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# **Public Briefing**

# Civil Rights Implications of the Federal Use of Facial Recognition Technology

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a briefing on, Friday, March 8, 2024, on the civil rights implications of Facial Recognition Technology (FRT). This investigation will analyze how FRT is developed, how it is being utilized by federal agencies, emerging civil rights concerns, and safeguards the federal government is implementing to mitigate potential civil rights issues.

Specifically, the Commission will review the utilization of FRT technology by three cabinet agencies: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

At this public briefing, the Commission will hear from subject matter experts such as government officials, academics, researchers, software developers, and legal experts. The Commission will accept written materials from the public for consideration as we prepare our report; submit to <a href="mailto:frt@usccr.gov">frt@usccr.gov</a> no later than April 8, 2024.

#### DATE:

Friday, March 8, 2024, 10 am – 5 pm ET\*

## **LOCATION:**

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1150 Washington, DC 20425 (National Place Building F Street Entrance)

\*\*\*The briefing will also be <u>live-streamed</u> on the Commission's YouTube page, virtual attendance is encouraged due to limited space.\*\*\*

Open Comment Session (public testimony): Written comments submitted to <a href="mailto:frt@usccr.gov">frt@usccr.gov</a> by April 8, 2024.

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