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USCCR Chair Urges Accountability Amid Efforts to Block DOJ Election Monitors

WASHINGTON D.C. -- In response to recent announcements from state officials in Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, and Florida blocking Department of Justice (DOJ) monitors from entering polling locations on Election Day, Rochelle M. Garza, Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, issued the following statement:

“The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is deeply committed to protecting the constitutional right to vote of every American. When state officials take steps to block oversight and transparency in our elections, they undermine the accountability and fairness, essential to the integrity of our democracy.”

Since our founding, the Commission has served as a civil rights watchdog, and we remain committed to ensuring the civil rights of every American are protected.

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