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**GEORGIA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT
ON IMMIGRATION REFORM**

The Georgia State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights has released its report on immigration reform. In its report to the Commission, the Georgia Advisory Committee advises the Commission to urge Congress and the President to act without further delay to permanently reform the Nation's broken immigration system.

The Georgia State Advisory Committee finds that the Nation's present immigration laws and their enforcement as administered serve to undermine the essential trust between law enforcement officials and the public. With respect to the economy, the Committee finds that employers who attempt to act in accordance with the Nation's immigration laws and abide by worker laws are at a competitive disadvantage with those who use the current situation as a shield to gain an unfair competitive advantage. The Committee also finds that present immigration laws are disrupting families, with spouses being separated and in some cases parents being deported while their children are placed in foster care.

Jerry Gonzalez, Chairman of the Georgia State Advisory Committee, states, "The issue of immigration reform is certainly an issue of great national importance. Leaving the issue unresolved creates serious civil rights concerns, and some local and state jurisdictions are attempting to fill a void created by inaction in Congress with their own legislation. The Committee holds that the time for a resolution on immigration reform is now, and we urge the Commission to use its influence for a movement forward of workable solutions from our Congress."

The report is posted on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights website at www.usccr.gov. A print version of the full report is also available from the Southern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and can be obtained by contacting the Southern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 16T126, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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