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**Ohio Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Announces Public Meetings: *Voting Rights in Ohio***

Washington, DC - The Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene two public meetings – via webinar - to discuss the status of voting rights and access to voting in the state, examining current challenges faced by diverse communities. The Committee will hear testimony from community members, civil society actors, academics, and government officials. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period. The meetings will take place as follows:

- **Friday, March 2, 2018**, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm EST, via webinar  
Audio, dial: 877-741-4240, conference ID: 7829359  
Visual: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/kyos4gwvgpp5&eom>
- **Friday March 9, 2018** from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm EST, via webinar  
Audio, dial: 877-718-5095, conference ID: 6801605  
Visual: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/ray86wto2gj&eom>

The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to [mwojnaroski@usccr.gov](mailto:mwojnaroski@usccr.gov) by April 9, 2018.

The Ohio Committee first began its study of voting rights in March 2006, and seeks to identify the extent to which concerns raised in 2006 have been addressed, as well as any areas where new concerns may be present. Committee Chair Diane Citrino said, “Voting rights are fundamental to our democracy. We look forward to an open conversation to learn more about voting in Ohio with our panelists and the public. We hope you will join us.”

This study is in support of the Commission’s 2018 Statutory Enforcement Report on voting rights in the United States. The Ohio Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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