



## **Information on Public Comments**

### **U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing: *Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars***

**February 22, 2019**

On Friday, February 22, in Washington, DC, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to evaluate the civil rights of women in prison. Please see details at: <https://www.usccr.gov/calendar/2019/02-11-Meeting-Notice.pdf> and <https://www.usccr.gov/calendar/2019/02-08-Meeting-Notice.pdf>.

Members of the public who wish to address the Commission will have an opportunity to do so during an open public comment session that will take place between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm Eastern Time (ET). Each individual will have up to three (3) minutes to speak, with spots allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals will be able to register for open comment session speaking slots, both online and at the briefing (in-person). Please see options below.

#### **Online Registration:**

On Friday, February 15, beginning at 9:00 am EST, individuals will be able to register to speak, online at [Eventbrite](#). This web registration option will remain open until all slots are filled, and no later than 9:00 am ET on Friday, February 22. An individual who successfully registers online must be physically present at the briefing by 4:30 pm on February 22, or risk forfeiting his/her speaking slot.

#### **In Person, Friday, November 2:**

Individuals will have the opportunity to sign up for a limited number of speaking slots, in-person, at the briefing, beginning at 9:00 am ET on Friday, February 22. If the online registration spots are not filled, or individuals who signed up online do not appear to claim their spot, those spots will open up to any further interested participants.

#### **Post-Briefing Written Comments:**

The Commission will also accept written materials for consideration as we prepare our report. Please submit no later than March 25, 2019 to [womeninprison@usccr.gov](mailto:womeninprison@usccr.gov) or by mail to: OCRE/Public Comments, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425.

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