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**Chair Catherine E. Lhamon to Provide Testimony to the
Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Washington, DC

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Catherine E. Lhamon will offer testimony to the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the U.S. House of Representatives, at its hearing “History and Enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.”

The Commission has a long history of investigating equal access to voting. In September 2018, the Commission [issued a report](#), *An Assessment of Minority Voting Rights Access in the United States*. The Commission called on Congress to amend the Voting Rights Act to restore and expand protections against discrimination, including federal preclearance, and called on the Department of Justice to pursue more VRA enforcement to address the aggressive efforts by state and local officials to limit the vote of citizens of color, citizens with disabilities, and those with limited-English proficiency.

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 10:00 am ET

LOCATION: U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on the Judiciary
2141 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Streaming on the Committee’s website:
<https://judiciary.house.gov/legislation/hearings/history-and-enforcement-voting-rights-act-1965>

Chair Lhamon will be available for press interviews.

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