



Public Comments on Immigration Detention Centers & Treatment of Immigrants

In-person Session: April 12, 2019 (Washington, DC)

Written Submissions: Through May 13, 2019

On Friday, April 12, 2019, at our office in Washington, DC, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold an in-person public comment session on the condition of immigration detention centers and status of treatment of immigrants, including children. The Commission seeks to hear from members of the public, including policy advocates, legal experts, affected persons, and other individuals who wish to speak on the issue. ***Para ver esta información en español, consulte [aquí](#).***

Those who wish to address the Commission will have an opportunity to do so during a public comment session that will begin at 10:00 am and run until 1:15 pm EDT, or that will end earlier if all speaking slots are filled. Each individual will have up to five minutes to speak, with spots allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals will be able to register for speaking slots, both online and at the briefing (in-person). Please see options below. The Commission will provide interpretation services in Spanish. Individuals are welcome to bring their own interpreters (Spanish or other languages). Additional time may be allotted to individuals requiring interpretation services, as necessary.

Online registration:

On Thursday, April 4, 2019, beginning at 9:00 am EDT, individuals will be able to register to speak online at [Eventbrite](#). This registration option will remain open until all slots are filled, and no later than 5:00 pm EDT on Thursday, April 11. An individual who successfully registers online must be physically present for the public comment session no later than 9:30 am on April 12 (sign-in opens at 9:00 am), or risk forfeiting the individual's speaking slot.

In person registration, Friday, April 12, 2019:

Individuals will have the opportunity to sign up for a limited number of speaking slots, in person, the day of the public comment session, beginning at 9:00 am on Friday, April 12. If the online registration spots are not filled, or individuals who signed up online do not appear to claim their spot, spots will open up to any further interested participants.

Submission of written comments:

The Commission also welcomes submission of written material for consideration. Please submit such information no later than May 13, 2019 to immigration@usccr.gov; or by mail to: OCRE/Public Comments, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425.