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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:
Federal Me Too: Examining Sexual Harassment in Government Workplaces

Thursday, May 9, 2019, Washington, DC

On Thursday, May 9, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) enforcement efforts to combat workplace sexual harassment across the federal government, including the frequency of such claims and findings of harassment, the resources dedicated to preventing and redressing harassment, and the impact and efficacy of these enforcement efforts. The briefing will also examine agency-level practices to address sexual harassment at the U.S. Department of State and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The Commission will issue a report from this investigation.

Commissioners will hear from current and former government officials, academic and legal experts, advocates, and individuals who have experienced harassment. Confirmed panelists include:

- Congresswoman Jackie Speier
- Debra Katz - Katz, Marshall, & Banks LLP
- Jenna Ben-Yehuda - Truman National Security Project
- Dexter Brooks - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Mona Charen - Ethics & Public Policy Center
- Dariely Rodriguez - Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Stephen Shih - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Gregory Smith - U.S. Department of State

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2019
LOCATION: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425 (Also [live-streaming](#))
AGENDA: Invited Panelists: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
[Open Comment Session](#) (Public Testimony): 5:00 – 6:30 pm EDT
(End time subject to change)

Chair Catherine E. Lhamon will be available for press interviews.

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