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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXAMINE EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT OF LOW-WAGE BLACK WORKERS

What: Meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring and protecting civil rights

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is bringing together a group of experts who hold widely divergent views of whether illegal immigration affects the labor market opportunities and outcomes of native-born African-Americans. Some of the issues the experts will address include whether the effect is positive, neutral or negative, whether immigration contributes to incarceration rates, whether employers prefer immigrants to native-born workers, and the effect of illegal immigration on the broader community.

The speakers will include Harry Holzer, Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; Gordon H. Hanson, Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego; Julie Hotchkiss, Research Economist and Policy Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Vernon Briggs, Emeritus Professor of Labor Economics at Cornell University; Gerald Jaynes, Professor of Economics and African American Studies, Yale University; Richard Nadler, President of Americas Majority Foundation; Carol Swain, Professor of Political Science and Law at Vanderbilt University; and Steven Camarota, Director of Research at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C.

When: Friday, April 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 9th St. NW, Room 540, Washington DC

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