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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints Missouri State Advisory Committee Members

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointment of 13 Missouri citizens to its Missouri State Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed Dr. Michael J. Podgursky of Columbia; Timothy P. Asher of Grain Valley; Dr. Joan E. Bergstrom of Lee Summit; James H. Buford, Jalesia McQueen Gadberry, Esq. and Donayle Whitmore of St. Louis; Shamed Dogan of Ballwin; Eugene E. Dokes of St. Peters; Tyrone J. Flowers, John Grimwade, Sandy Aquirre Mayer, and Beverly Randles of Kansas City; and Steve M. Schieber of Savannah. The Commission appointed Dr. Michael J. Podgursky as chairman. The appointments are for two years.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within the agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission are wholly independent, and are reviewed by Commission staff only for legal and procedural compliance with Commission policies and procedures. SAC reports are not subject to Commission approval, fact-checking or policy changes.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chair Abigail Thernstrom, Commissioners Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., and Michael Yaki. Martin Dannenfelser is the Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.