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### **U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to Hold Briefing on Federal Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws Protecting Students Against Bullying, Violence and Harassment**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing in connection with its 2011 statutory enforcement report, *Federal Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws to Protect Students Against Bullying, Violence and Harassment*, on Friday, May 13, 2011 at Commission headquarters, 624 9<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC, 20425. The briefing will start at 9:00 am EDT and is expected to continue to 4:30 pm EDT. The briefing is public, and no advance reservation is necessary unless special services are requested.\* Topics will include:

The scope and seriousness of student-on-student bullying, harassment and violence against students who are targeted due to their race/national origin, religion, disability, gender, and/or their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender expression;  
The content of applicable federal laws, the enforcement of those laws, and the effectiveness of the Departments of Education and Justice in carrying out their enforcement responsibilities;  
The range of effective intervention and prevention efforts and programs currently promoted by the federal government;  
Recommendations for enhanced enforcement practices, and/or the need for additional legislation, as appropriate, with respect to efforts by the Departments of Education and Justice

Speakers will include Russlyn Ali, ED; Thomas Perez, DOJ; Eliza Byard, GLSEN; Roger Clegg, CEO; John Eastman, Chapman Univ.; Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center; Gregory Herek, UC Davis; Ilan Meyer, Columbia; Hiram Sasser, Liberty Inst.; Stuart Buck, U. Arkansas; Paula Goldberg, PACER Center; Helen Gym, Asian Americans United; Kenneth Marcus, Inst. For Jewish & Community Research; Hilary Shelton, NAACP; Rajdeep Singh, Sikh Coalition; Tammy Aaberg, parent advocate; Deborah Lauter, ADL; Francisco Negron, National School Boards Assoc.; Ken Trump, Natl. School Safety and Security Services; and Eugene Volokh, UCLA Law.

\* Hearing-impaired persons who require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or [signlanguage@usccr.gov](mailto:signlanguage@usccr.gov) at least three business days before the scheduled date of the briefing. Broadcast media should contact Lenore Ostrowsky at (202) 376-8591.

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