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U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS ANNOUNCES AGENDA
FOR ALABAMA FIELD BRIEFING
ON CIVIL RIGHTS EFFECTS OF STATE IMMIGRATION LAWS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, DC - The United States Commission on Civil Rights is pleased to announce the agenda for the Commission’s public field briefing on Friday, August 17, 2012 on the effects of recently enacted state immigration laws on the civil rights of individuals in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Arizona v. U.S. The public is invited to attend.

DATE AND TIME:  Friday, August 17, 2012; 9:00 a.m. CT

PLACE:  Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
         Birmingham Ballroom
         21010 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N.
         Birmingham, AL 35203

BRIEFING AGENDA:

Introductory Remarks by Chairman Martin R. Castro

Panel I: Speakers, followed by questions from commissioners:
   Kris Kobach, Secretary of State, Kansas
   Chris England, Representative, Alabama House of Representatives
   Scott Beason, Senator, Alabama Senate
   Stacey Abrams, House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly

Panel II: Speakers, followed by questions from commissioners:
   Tammy Beshurse, South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
   Chris Chmielenski, NumbersUSA
   Chuck Ellis, Councilman, City of Albertville, Alabama
   William Lawrence, Principal, Foley Elementary School, Alabama
   Steve Marshall, District Attorney, Marshall County, Alabama
   Isabel Rubio, Executive Director, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama
Panel III: Speakers, followed by questions from commissioners:

Marie Provine, Professor, Arizona State University
Carol Swain, Professor, Vanderbilt University
Mark Krikorian, Director, Center for Immigration Studies
Michele Waslin, American Immigration Council
Dan Stein, President, Federation for American Immigration Reform
Victor Viramontes, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Panel IV: Speakers, followed by questions from commissioners:

Joseph Knippenberg, Georgia SAC and Professor, Oglethorpe University
Jerry Gonzalez, Georgia SAC and Exec. Dir., Georgia Assn. of Latino Elected Officials
Thomas Patterson, Arizona SAC; Physician, Chairman, Goldwater Institute, AZ
Joanne Milner, Utah SAC Chair and Office of the Mayor, Salt Lake City Corp.

Adjournment

Deaf or hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pam Dunston at (202) 376-8105 at least seven business days prior to the briefing.

Members of the public and interested organizations are invited to submit written statements for the record on the specific topic of the briefing by sending them to: immigration2012@usccr.gov.