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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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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 Besherse, 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

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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

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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@uscrr.gov](mailto:immigration2012@uscrr.gov).

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin R. Castro and Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter Kirsanow, David Kladney, Abigail Thernstrom, and Michael Yaki. Commission meetings and briefings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.