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
        2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd North
        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 Besherase, 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

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

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
    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.