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

WASHINGTON, DC – Marlene Sallo, Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, announces the appointment of 17 Maine citizens to the Maine State Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed Jennifer A. Bailey of Cape Elizabeth, William D. Baker of Falmouth, Edith F. Flores of Millbridge, Maurice R. Gilbert of Lewiston, Akiva M. Herzfeld of Portland, Judith D. Jones of Hope, Diane A. Khiel of Orono, Donna M. Loring of Bradley, Stephen J. Meardon of Bath, Eric M. Mehnert of Orono, Michael R. Montgomery of Orono, Phillippe J. Nadeau of Lewiston, Joseph R. Reisart of Waterville, Paul S. Robinson of Lewiston, Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland, Carl M. Toney of Scarborough, and Kim Wettlaufer of Lewiston to the Maine State Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed Rachel Talbot Ross as Chair. Appointed members serve without compensation for a two year term.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish state advisory committees (SACs) 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 may rely on studies and data generated by third parties, and are not subject to an independent review by Commission staff. The views expressed in reports are those of a majority of the State Advisory Committee members and do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or its individual members, nor do they represent the policies of the U.S. government.

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