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**The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Issues Three Statements  
Regarding Important Civil Rights Issues**

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued three official statements, each by majority vote. The statements relate to:

- Applauding federal court decisions striking down discriminatory voter identification laws:  
[http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR\\_VoterLaws.pdf](http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR_VoterLaws.pdf)
- Disappointment with the Supreme Court's order in *G.G. v. Gloucester School Board*:  
[http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR\\_20160819GG.pdf](http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR_20160819GG.pdf)
- Welcoming the settlement and Texas' agreement to issue birth certificates to U.S. citizen children of undocumented immigrants:  
[http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR\\_TexasBirth\\_Certificates.pdf](http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR_TexasBirth_Certificates.pdf)

Commission Chair Martin R. Castro stated, "The Commission's strong statements on voting rights, protection of the rights of citizenship and speaking out for equality for transgender youth are at the core of what we have fought for these last 59 years: equal justice for all."

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