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

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued four [statements](#) today:

- Highlighting the need for the Department of Justice to reopen the Office for Access to Justice (adopted by majority vote);
- Expressing continuing concern to Deputy Director Homan of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding ICE's policy to site agents in courthouses, initially addressed by the Commission in an April 2017 [statement](#) (adopted by majority vote);
- Urging Congress to prioritize Civil Rights in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget (adopted majority vote); and
- Expressing deep concern over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to dismiss civil rights complaints from Uniontown, Alabama (adopted by majority vote).

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51 state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For more information about the Commission, please visit <http://www.usccr.gov> and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).