On Friday, May 11, in Washington, DC, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing on hate crimes and bias-related incidents. The Commission will examine best practices for local law enforcement on collecting and reporting data and the role of the Education and Justice Departments in prosecution and prevention of these heinous acts. Commissioners will hear from local law enforcement and federal government officials, experts, academics, advocates, and survivors of hate. We will also offer an open comment period in which members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Commission. The Commission has long condemned hate crimes, most recently through the Commission majority, pointing out that “hate incidents run counter to the values of inclusion and full participation Americans champion.”

DATE:  Friday, May 11, 2018
LOCATION:  U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
1331 Pennsylvania Av. NW, Suite 1150
Washington, DC 20425
AGENDA:  Briefing (expert panels): 9:00 am–3:50 pm ET
Open Comment (public testimony): 5:00 pm–6:30 pm ET

The briefing will live-stream. If attending in person, please RSVP to publicaffairs@usccr.gov. Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or access@usccr.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the briefing.

The Commission will accept written materials for consideration as we prepare our report. Please submit to HateCrimes@usccr.gov no later than June 11, 2018.

We look forward to you joining us on May 11!

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