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**Telephonic Press Call with Chair Catherine E. Lhamon
and Commissioner Debo P. Adegbile**

An Assessment of Minority Voting Rights Access in the United States

Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 11:00 am EDT

WHAT: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will release *An Assessment of Minority Voting Rights Access in the United States*. The report examines the U.S. Department of Justice's enforcement of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) since 2006, in particular, after the U.S. Supreme Court's 2013 decision in [Shelby County v. Holder](#). The report is based on extensive research and expert and public testimonies from former U.S. Department of Justice officials, state election officials and voting rights experts and advocates. The report will be available on the Commission's website on the day of the press call.

WHEN: September 12, 2018 | 11:00 am EDT

WHERE: Call-in line: 877-260-1479
Conference ID: 1889582

WHO: [Catherine E. Lhamon](#), Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
[Debo P. Adegbile](#), Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

The Commission was established in 1957 with the initial charge of addressing voting rights, and our reporting on pervasive voting discrimination contributed to the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. The Commission's February voting rights [briefing](#) featured 23 current and former state and federal officials, legal experts, academics, and advocates, as well as members of the public who shared views and experiences with exercising their right to vote. We invite you to view [part 1](#), [part 2](#), and the open public comment [session](#).

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