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**Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Community Forum: *Education Funding***

On April 16, 2019, in Columbus, the Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host a community forum to gather public testimony on the civil rights impact of education funding allocations in the state. The Committee is conducting this study to examine (a) the extent to which the state's school funding formula may contribute to a disparate impact on educational access and outcomes on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, and/or disability status; (b) if these policies and practices are reasonably necessary to the education success of the students or other aspects of the education system; and (c) alternative policies and practices with the demonstrated potential to address such concerns.

The meeting will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT, at:

**The DoubleTree Suites, Columbus Downtown
River Conference Room
55 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215**

This meeting is free and open to the public. No appointment or registration is necessary, however, you must sign up onsite to speak. Please come share your experiences. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov by May 16, 2019.

The Committee heard initial testimony on this topic in Cleveland in September of 2018. For records of previous meetings or information regarding upcoming meetings please contact the Regional Programs Unit at 312-353-8311. The Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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