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**Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Community Forum: *Mass Incarceration***

On April 23, 2019, in Little Rock, the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host a community forum to gather public testimony on the civil rights impacts of mass incarceration in the state. The Committee is conducting this study to examine incarceration rates in the State; particularly where these rates raise concerns regarding disparate impact on the basis of race, color, disability status, national origin, and/or sex.

The meeting will take place on April 23, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm CDT, at the University of Arkansas School of Law's E.J. Ball Courtroom, 1045 W. Maple Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72701. This event will also live-stream at: <https://echo360.org/section/a38a4312-913f-4c45-90fe-44481deb1242/public>.

The event agenda is as follows:

- Welcoming Remarks and Introductions (1:00 pm—1:15 pm)
- Panel Discussion: Mass Incarceration and Juvenile Justice (1:15 pm—2:15 pm)
- Public Comment (2:15 pm—3:30 pm)

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 also invites written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov by May 24, 2019.

The Committee heard initial testimony on this topic in Little Rock in September of 2018; and again via web conference on March 25 of this year. For records of previous meetings or information regarding upcoming meetings please contact the Regional Programs Unit at 312-353-8311. The Committee will issue its findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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