



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report Release & Conference Call

Trauma at the Border: The Human Cost of Inhumane Immigration Policies

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On October 24, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Vice Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson and Commissioner Michael Yaki will hold a call to brief the public on the Commission's forthcoming report, *Trauma at the Border: The Human Cost of Inhumane Immigration Policies*. The report assesses changes in federal policy that have resulted in substantially increased federal activity at the southern border and the separation of thousands of migrant children from their parents.

The Commission's 2015 [report](#), *With Liberty and Justice for All: The State of Civil Rights at Immigration Detention Facilities*, addressed the status of detained undocumented immigrant children and concluded that agencies did not provide appropriate and critical legal and medical services to detainees, or transparency about the government's policies in detaining individuals.

In July 2018, the Commission reopened its investigation on the conditions of immigration detention, and appointed a Subcommittee to examine the issue further. The Subcommittee held a [public comment session](#) in April of this year, hearing from members of the public, including advocates, legal experts, and affected persons. We invite you to view the [session](#) and its [transcript](#). The Commission also received 280 written public comments.

Trauma at the Border, based on expert and public input, and research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and federal agencies. The report will be available on our [website](#) on the day of the conference call.

We will provide additional details prior to the call. Please stay abreast of updates at www.usccr.gov and on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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