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**Public Call with Vice Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson
& Commissioner Michael Yaki**

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

Thursday, October 24, 2019 | 12:00 pm EDT

WHAT:

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

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.

WHO:

[Patricia Timmons-Goodson](#), Vice Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

[Michael Yaki](#), Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

WHEN:

Thursday, October 24, 2019 | 12:00 pm EDT

WHERE:

Public teleconference | Call-in line: (800) 367-2403 | Conference ID: 998-1187

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to publicaffairs@usccr.gov

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