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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to evaluate federal civil rights enforcement, examining in particular Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018. With this assessment, the Commission asks: What are the key elements for effective civil rights enforcement? Do federal agencies have sufficient resources to fulfill their enforcement responsibilities? Most importantly, is the federal government satisfying its obligation to the American people to protect and vindicate their civil rights, including in education, housing, healthcare, employment, policing, the justice system, and other areas?

Commissioners will hear from current and former senior federal government officials, academic and legal experts, and advocates. We will also offer an open comment session in which members of the public will be able to address the Commission (see below).

The Commission will issue a report from this investigation in fall 2019, including findings and recommendations.

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