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### **Alabama Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Meeting: Access to Voting in Alabama**

Montgomery, Alabama – The Alabama Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of panel discussions to examine Access to Voting in Alabama.

The first meeting will take place on February 22, 2018 at the Connecting Life Center (Old Bellingrath Center), 70 W Edgemont Ave., Montgomery, Alabama. This meeting is free, open to the public, and parking is available on site. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the Midwest Regional office at (312) 353-8311 prior to the meeting to make appropriate arrangements.

The Committee will hear testimony from academics, policy makers, community groups, and interested individuals in the state. Members of the public will be invited to speak during the open forum session, tentatively scheduled to take place from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov) by March 31, 2018.

The Committee seeks to examine access to voting in the state of Alabama which may have a discriminatory impact on voters based on race, color, disability status, national origin, and/or the administration of justice. Jenny Carroll, Chair of the Alabama Advisory Committee, stated “The right to vote is fundamental to our democratic process. Laws that impede that right therefor hurt us all regardless of their intent at their creation. Our Committee will gather information on the impact that voting regulation in our state has on our citizens. We invite members of the community to attend the hearing and to participate in person or in writing. The information we gather will help paint a fuller picture of the state of voting rights in Alabama. We look forward to hearing from experts and members of the public alike.”

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