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U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Briefing on the State of Civil Rights at Immigration Detention Facilities

Immigration detention, which is non-criminal custody while awaiting deportation or right to stay, has become one of the fastest-growing and least-examined types of incarceration in the U.S. Because of reports of severe abuse of detainees, including minors, the Commission will examine equal protection concerns and Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement treatment of adult and minor detainees in representative detention facilities under federal law.

WHAT: Briefing on "State of Civil Rights at Immigration Detention Facilities"

WHEN: January 30, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 4 PM Eastern

WHERE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1150
Washington, DC 20425 (Entrance on F Street NW)

LIVE STREAM: The briefing will be live-streamed at http://gorebrothers.com/Podcasts/USCCR_streaming_live.html and the link will also be accessible via our website before the briefing at: www.usccr.gov.

SPEAKERS: Mariso Bono, MALDEF
Michelle Brane, Women's Refugee Commission
Steven Conry, Corrections Corp of America
Franklin C. Jones, Customs and Border Protection
Maria Hinojosa, Futuro Media Group
Bob Libal, Grassroots Leadership
Karen Lucas, American Immigration Lawyers Assn
Megan Mack, Dept of Homeland Security

Mary Meg McCarthy, Natl Immigrant Justice Center
Phebia Moreland, The GEO Group
Sister Norma Pimentel, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley
Elizabeth Sohn, Dept of Health and Human Services
David Stacy, Human Rights Campaign
Carl Takei, ACLU Natl Prison Project.

A final speaker list will be available before the briefing.

Deaf or hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pam Dunston at (202) 376-8105 at least seven business days prior to the briefing.

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