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**The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Releases Statement  
On Hate Crimes in the United States**

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, by majority vote, has released a statement expressing deep concern about the rise in reported hate crimes cited in the FBI’s November 2016 report, “Hate Crime Statistics, 2015.” In addition, the Commission believes that since last month’s election, there have also been an alarming number of hate crimes and incidents reported.

The statement can be accessed under “Highlights” at: <http://www.usccr.gov/>

Chairman Martin R. Castro stated: “Crimes motivated in whole or in part by animus, bias or hate towards another should not be tolerated in our nation. Hate injures the victim, but it also injures the perpetrator and the community. As such these are not isolated, individual harms, but harms to us all, and we must respond to them with the force of law but also with the strength of community and come together to find solutions to intolerance that are lasting.”

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