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**Telephonic Press Call with Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and
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***Targeted Fines and Fees against Low-Income People of Color:
Civil Rights and Constitutional Implications***

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 10:00 am EST

Washington, DC – Tomorrow, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will release its annual enforcement report, *Targeted Fines and Fees against Low-Income People of Color: Civil Rights and Constitutional Implications*. The report calls attention to ways municipalities exploit their poorest citizens, including using law enforcement as ticketing and collections agencies to increase revenues, rather than to improve public safety and civil compliance. The report addresses the effectiveness of the U.S. Department of Justice in protecting civil rights in this area.

Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and Vice Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson will discuss the report and its findings and recommendations via a telephonic press call on Thursday, September 21, beginning at 10:00 am EST.

Members of the media may contact Brian Walch at bwalch@usccr.gov or 202-376-8371 to request the call-in questions line.

Listen-only call-in line: **877-718-5106; conference ID 9796868.**

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