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**Texas Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Announces Web Briefings on Maternal Mortality in Texas**

The Texas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a series of web-based public briefings to hear testimony from various stakeholders on the Committee's chosen topic on maternal mortality. The Committee intends to provide the Commission with their findings and recommendations on this topic. The meeting details for the panels in this series are as follows (subject to revision):

**Panel I: Monday, October 7, 2024 1:00pm – 3:00pm CT.**

Zoom Registration Link: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_8-vE\\_qHLSc-yAOKOjS1mPQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_8-vE_qHLSc-yAOKOjS1mPQ)

**Panel II: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:00pm – 3:00pm CT.**

Zoom Registration Link: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_bd9i1-cEQ0CHZMIKpIE6ww](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_bd9i1-cEQ0CHZMIKpIE6ww)

Closed captions will be available through the Zoom webinar platform. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact Angelica Trevino at [atrevino@usccr.gov](mailto:atrevino@usccr.gov) at least 7 business days prior to the meeting to make the request.

Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period towards the last 20 minutes of each panel. Members of the public are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives on the issue. The Committee will also accept written comments related to this study, which can be submitted to Brooke Peery at [bpeery@usccr.gov](mailto:bpeery@usccr.gov).

Committee Chair Merrill Matthews said, "The U.S. has one of the highest maternal mortality rates among developed economies. And Texas, with its high rate of uninsured and large rural population, along with extensive maternity health care deserts, faces even greater challenges than most states. The Texas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will look into these challenges with the goal of recommending ways the state can improve maternal mortality rates among lower-income, minority, rural and underserved populations."

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