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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXAMINE EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT OF LOW-WAGE BLACK WORKERS

What: Meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring and protecting civil rights

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is bringing together a group of experts who hold widely divergent views of whether illegal immigration affects the labor market opportunities and outcomes of native-born African-Americans. Some of the issues the experts will address include whether the effect is positive, neutral or negative, whether immigration contributes to incarceration rates, whether employers prefer immigrants to native-born workers, and the effect of illegal immigration on the broader community.

The speakers will include Harry Holzer, Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; Gordon H. Hanson, Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego; Julie Hotchkiss, Research Economist and Policy Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Vernon Briggs, Emeritus Professor of Labor Economics at Cornell University; Gerald Jaynes, Professor of Economics and African American Studies, Yale University; Richard Nadler, President of Americas Majority Foundation; Carol Swain, Professor of Political Science and Law at Vanderbilt University; and Steven Camarota, Director of Research at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C.

When: Friday, April 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 9th St. NW, Room 540, Washington DC

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., and Michael Yaki. Dr. Robert Lerner is Delegated the Authority of the Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.