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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXAMINE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PLANS TO MONITOR VOTING RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT FOR THE 2008 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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 will be holding a briefing to review U.S. Department of Justice plans to monitor voting rights enforcement for the 2008 U.S. Presidential election. Among the topics expected to be addressed are voting registration issues, the best ways to address claims of voter fraud and voter intimidation, and the overall proper role of the Department of Justice in election matters.

The panelists include: Christopher Coates, Chief of the Voting Rights Section of the Department's Civil Rights Division; William Welch, Chief of the Public Integrity Section of the Department's Criminal Division; Daniel P. Tokaji, Associate Professor of Law at the Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, and the Associate Director of Election Law @ Moritz; Hans von Spakovsky, former FEC Commissioner and Former Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights; Paul F. Hancock, a partner with the law firm of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP and former high-ranking career attorney with the Civil Rights Division; and Roger Clegg, President and General Counsel of the Center for Equal Opportunity.

When: Friday, June 6, 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. Martin Dannenfels is the Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.