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**Ohio Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Meeting: *Education Funding in Ohio***

Cleveland, OH –The Ohio Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of panel discussions regarding education funding in the state.

The meeting will take place on Friday, September 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Cleveland State University Fenn Tower, 1938 E 24th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. This meeting is open to the public. To request individual accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to attend, please contact the Regional Programs Unit at 312-353-8311 at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

The Committee intends to examine Ohio’s school funding formula and its impact on access to education on the basis of color, race, sex, religion, national origin, and/or disability status. The Committee will examine (a) the extent to which the state’s school funding formula may contribute to a disparate impact on educational access and outcomes on the basis of these federally protected categories, (b) if the policies and practices are reasonably necessary to the education success of the students or other aspects of the education system, and (c) alternative policies and practices with the demonstrated potential to address such concerns.

Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period scheduled to begin at 3:00pm. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov by Monday October 15, 2018.

Committee Chair, Diane Citrino said, “Every child deserves equal access to excellent educational opportunities. We hope you will join the conversation about the impact of school funding in Ohio on student achievement.”

The Ohio Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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