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CHARTER
RHODE ISLAND STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE
U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Pursuant to the authority of the United States Commission on Civil Rights Act of 1983, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, various residents of each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and their successors, are, in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, constituted as the 51 Advisory Committees to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. This charter applies to the Rhode Island Advisory Committee.

The purposes and objectives of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee (Committee) are to: (1) advise the United States Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) on matters in its respective state that pertain to discrimination or denials of the equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, or the administration of justice and (2) aid the Commission in its statutory obligation to serve as a national clearinghouse for civil rights information.

The Commission has established six regional offices that provide support services to the Committees within that region (see enclosure A). The director of each regional office shall carry out the day-to-day administrative duties and responsibilities required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended. The regional director may delegate to regional office staff these day-to-day responsibilities and duties as appropriate. The Rhode Island Committee is supported by the Eastern Regional Office (ERO).

The Rhode Island Advisory Committee shall:

- Advise the Commission in writing of any knowledge or information it has about any alleged deprivation of the right to vote and to have the vote counted by reason of color, race, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, or citizens being accorded or denied the right to vote in federal elections as a result of patterns or practices of fraud or discrimination.

- Advise the Commission about legal developments constituting discrimination or denial of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution, and the effect of the laws and policies of the federal government with respect to equal protection of the laws.

- Advise the Commission upon matters of mutual concern in the preparation of reports of the Commission to the President and the Congress.

- Receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials on matters pertinent to inquiries conducted by the Advisory Committee.

- Initiate and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission on matters that the Committee has studied.

- Assist the Commission in its clearinghouse function and in other matters in which the Commission shall request the assistance of the Advisory Committee.

- Attend, as observers, any public hearing or conference that the Commission may hold.

It is anticipated that the Advisory Committee shall meet biannually, or more often, resources permitting, to carry out its duly authorized functions.

The Rhode Island Advisory Committee shall exist for a period of two years from the date of the filing of this charter at an estimated average annual cost of approximately $21,269 and approximately .20% full time equivalent employee. This charter shall be effective upon filing.

ROBERT LERNER, PhD
Delegated the Authority of the Staff Director

March 21, 2008
Charter Filing Date

Enclosure

Enclosure A

LIST OF REGIONAL OFFICES AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO WHICH SUPPORT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

Eastern Regional Office
Director, Ivy L. Davis
624 Ninth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20425
202-376-6533
States Served: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ. NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

Southern Regional Office
Director, Peter Minarik
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-562-7000
States Served: FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN

Midwestern Regional Office
Director, David Mussatt
55 West Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603
312-353-8311
States Served: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI

Central Regional Office
Director, Farella E. Robinson
400 State Street, Suite 908
Kansas City, KS 66101
913-551-1400
States Served: AL, AR, IA, KS, LA, MO, MS, NE, OK

Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Director, Malee Craft
1961 Stout Street, Suite 240
Denver, CO 80294
303-866-1040
States Served: CO, MT, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY

Western Regional Office
Director, [VACANT]
300 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-894-3437
States Served: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, TX, WA

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March 21, 2008

The Speaker of the House
c/o The Office of the House Parliamentarian
The Capitol, Room H-209
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Re: Letter of Transmittal

Dear Madam Speaker:

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is required by statute to establish at least one advisory committee in each state and the District of Columbia. The advisory committee members are citizens of the state and provide part-time, voluntary service. They inform the Commission about civil rights matters in the states. I am pleased to advise you that the Commission recently appointed members to the Rhode Island Advisory Committee.

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Very truly yours,

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cc: House Committee on the Judiciary

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Mr. Robert Flaak, Director
Committee Management Secretariat
Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7140
Washington, D.C. 20405

Re: Letter of Transmittal

Dear Mr. Flaak:

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Library of Congress
Anglo American Acquisitions Division
Government Documents Section—Federal
Advisory Committee Desk
101 Independence Avenue, SE
Room LMB46
Atten: Richard Yarnall
Washington, D.C. 20540-4172

Re: Letter of Transmittal

Dear Mr. Yarnall:

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Arlen Specter, Ranking Republican Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Charter Filing

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Ranking Member:

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Chairman
The Honorable Lamar Smith, Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Capitol, Room S-212
Washington, D.C. 20510-7100

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cc: Senate Committee on the Judiciary