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Subject: The U.S. Universal Periodic Review record — a procedural request before 10 November

Attachments: Letter to the Office of the High Commissioner (stakeholder window); Letter to the President of the Human Rights Council (non-cooperation mandate)

Dear colleagues,

CCR presented at the August 2025 UPR pre-session on the United States and filed a statement in that round. The advocacy you and your coalition partners built for the November 2025 review now faces an odd fate: the review will finally occur on 10 November 2026, but on a record frozen when you filed it — no 2026 stakeholder window was opened for the United States, alone among the States at the fifty-third session.

The Institute has written to OHCHR and to the President of the Human Rights Council asking that the window be reopened, or that the basis for the restriction be stated in writing. Both letters are attached.

A reopened window would let your own material be brought current, and would admit organizations excluded from the 2025 round. Would CCR consider making the same request independently, in its own name? An organization already inside the record, asking that it be widened, makes the equal-treatment point more credibly than any excluded organization can.

Respectfully,

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