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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,

RFK Human Rights filed a statement for the August 2025 pre-session on the United States addressing detention and immigrant rights. Conditions in that field have not stood still — but the record before the Working Group has. The rescheduled review of 10 November 2026 will proceed on stakeholder information closed in early 2025, and the United States is the only State at the fifty-third session for which no 2026 window was opened.

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 and authority for the restriction be stated in writing. Both letters are attached.

Would RFK Human Rights consider making the same request independently, in its own name? The organizations already inside the 2025 record are the ones whose request for a current record cannot be read as self-interested — which is exactly why it would be heard.

Respectfully,

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IAJ_Letter_OHCHR_Stakeholder_Window.pdf → <http://iaj.institute/publications/IAJ-COM-20260825-002-PUB.pdf>

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