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To: ERA Coalition

Via: info@eracoalition.org -- attention Zakiya Thomas, President & CEO

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,

The ERA Coalition presented at the August 2025 pre-session on the United States, filed a statement, and circulated a factsheet with Equality Now. That advocacy was built for a review that never happened. Its replacement, on 10 November 2026, will proceed on the record exactly as you left it: no 2026 stakeholder window was opened for the United States, though every other State at the fifty-third session had one.

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

Would the Coalition consider making the same request independently? A year and a half is a long time in the constitutional and legislative landscape your submission addresses, and the case for a current record is one your organization is unusually well placed to make.

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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