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To: Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law — Attention Dr. Laurel Sprague

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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 Dr. Sprague and colleagues,

The Williams Institute's pre-session presentation and statement brought empirical rigor to the August 2025 round on the United States. It is precisely that rigor we appeal to now: the rescheduled review of 10 November 2026 will proceed on data and documentation closed in early 2025, while every other State at the fifty-third session was reviewed on a record current to April 2026. For an evidence-based submission, an eighteen-month freeze is not a formality — it is a data-currency problem.

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 Institute consider making the same request independently? An academic research center asking that a review rest on current evidence is the most natural voice this argument could have.

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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