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FROM: CLARA SHIN

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATING COUNCIL STRATEGY MEMOS

As you know, Maria Echaveste and Chuck Ruff held an interagency civil rights coordinating council meeting on Tuesday, February 9. Agencies represented on the council include DOJ Civil Rights Division, HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, EPA Office of Environmental Justice, DOL Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, DOE Office for Civil Rights, EEOC, HHS Office for Civil Rights, and DOT General Counsel's Office. At this meeting, we asked the agency participants to submit strategy memos outlining their civil rights goals and priorities for the next two years so as to identify administration priorities and better coordinate our efforts.

In this document, I have summarized the strategy memos submitted by the agencies. I have organized the goals outlined by the agencies into six thematic categories: (1) enforcement; (2) regulatory reform; (3) legislative reform; (4) legal/policy guidance and technical assistance; (5) public outreach and education; and (6) data collection. Note that the agencies were not asked to formulate their goals according to these categories. In addition to this summary, I have attached the agencies' complete submissions.

Please review the goals identified by the agencies with three questions in mind: (1) whether the goals identified by the agencies are the right priorities; (2) whether there are gaps and if so, what they are; and (3) how we should focus the efforts of the civil rights coordinating council. We will be discussing these questions at the internal civil rights enforcement meeting scheduled for Monday, March 1. A follow-up civil rights coordinating council meeting will be scheduled for later in the week. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 6-5506.