



Commission on Unalienable Rights
U.S. State Department

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Notes on the Commission's work and failure to address key issues

Dear Sir/Madam.

In our [previous](#) communication, we offered crucial documents¹. These manuscripts provide the basis needed to (1) understand the spirit that made America and (2) why the U.S system of government falls short of its ambitions. They not only [document](#) the parallels between the War on Drugs and former mass movements gone wrong; they [show](#) how the morality of the prophets and the founders are one and the same, thus elaborating on the map to utopian societies.

These books have been embraced by professionals and have the potential to bring humanity one step further. They show how unconsciousness has informed the status quo—and yet, the Commission, so far, has omitted to consider legal implications.

Thus, as the escalating tension between the left and the right is tearing apart the social fabric, we remind commissioners of the need to contemplate the bigger picture.

The information contained within *To Right a Wrong* and *Human Rising* is essential not only to your mission but for rebuilding the rule of law. As [shown](#) in these books, the perceived gap between conservative values and liberal ideals is a cultural delusion, and while conservatives are correct to defend individual rights against the onslaught of collectivism, liberals are right to focus on the good of society. The system, after all, has failed to protect both. It has been occupied by factions vying for power. This has turned systems of justice into structures of arbitrary law, and the increasing divide has to do with a loss of faith in authority. It also has to do with a wrecked moral compass, and it is important that commissioners step forward.

Empires need firm ground; else they give way. In this regard, the increasing polarity is a sign that the old paradigm, with its implicit distance between theory and practice, is nearing its end. It may be frightening. Even so, it is a sign of progress and healthy opposition to a disserving grid. Public discontent merely mirrors the extent to which it is dawning on a people that the American dream has turned into a nightmare, and the Commission has an important task assisting in the resurrection of principled law.

This is the only valid foundation for government, yet America remains continuously afflicted by arbitrary law. The prohibition on drugs is just one example of how unconsciousness persists to be the cause of much suffering, but the turbulence can be overcome. As the founders knew, all it

¹ [To Right a Wrong: A Transpersonal Framework for Constitutional Construction](#) (2016) and [Human Rising: The Prohibitionist Psychosis and its Constitutional Implications](#) (2019).



takes is a “frequent return to fundamental principles”, and you have in your possession the tools needed to find a common ground.

As humanity is inspired by wholesome values, ideals, and principles, the logical way forward is to look at the extent to which the nation has abandoned constitutional values. Only to the extent this is done, can the Commission complete its mandate, and as these books complete the discipline of constitutional law, the value of the information must be assessed.

As Michael Abramowitz, the President of Freedom House, [stated](#) at the December 2019 meeting, “the chief problem facing the international human rights project is not deficient institutional architecture but rather an inadequate defense by the world’s democracies.”

Also, remember that Commissioner Rivers [voiced](#) “a sentiment, shared by others, that bridged the different topics and time periods the Commission will consider in its work. For Rivers, one crucial question is how to avoid repeating a “major failing” at the time of the Founding, when there was a great *articulation* of rights (for example, in the Declaration of Independence) but also, because of the prevalence of chattel slavery and the political subordination of large segments of society, a *graphic failure to live up to those principles*. As she contemplates how the United States can prevent that same failure from re-occurring *internationally*, one focus for Rivers will be on achieving consistency in forcefully stating, and then implementing protections for, human rights.”

Looking at your agenda and minutes, therefore, we regret that the problem of mass persecution and incarceration surrounding drug prohibition laws remains ignored. It continues to be ignored [despite](#) more and more constitutional courts concluding that persecution is in violation of fundamental principles. It continues to be ignored [despite](#) more and more pronounced human rights obligations, and it continues to be ignored [despite](#) more and more NGOs presenting a complete defense on behalf of the persecuted.

Hence, as this [issue](#) is quickly becoming more pressing, both internationally and nationally, we ask that the Commission put our material to the test.

This is the only way to make sure that the Commission does not become another tool for biased politicians and special interest groups. This is the only way to pass the examination of watchful eyes, and this is the only way to refute effective criticism.

As demonstrated by the [scrutiny](#) of the Commission’s [affairs](#), the Trump administration cannot afford to go wrong here. The Commission on Inalienable Rights can either be the beginning of a new dawn, the equal or superior to our finest moments in history, or it can be another travesty. It is up to the commissioners to ensure the former, not the latter, and with this letter we trust that the American people—and its Spirit—is in good hands.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Roar Mikalsen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Roar' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Mikalsen'.

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