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3 CHAIRMAN WALTON: It's 9:00 o'clock, so
4 we will get started. Good morning to everyone. Thank
5 you for your presence. My name is Reggie Walton. I
6 serve as the Chairman of the National Prison Rape
7 Elimination Commission. As my day job, I am a United
8 States District Judge in the District of Columbia.

9 I will also permit my fellow
10 Commissioners to identify themselves. Starting to our
11 right.

12 COMMISSIONER KANEB: I am John Kaneb.
13 I am in private business and I'm from Boston,
14 Massachusetts.

15 COMMISSIONER AIKEN: My name is James
16 Aiken. I'm president of James E. Aiken & Associates,
17 Inc., from Brevard, North Carolina.

18 COMMISSIONER SMITH: My name is
19 Professor Brenda Smith. I teach at American
20 University Washington College of Law.

21 COMMISSIONER FELLNER: Good morning.
22 I'm Jamie Fellner. I'm Director of the U.S. Program
23 at Human Rights Watch in New York City.

24 COMMISSIONER NOLAN: And I'm Pat Nolan,
25 Vice-president of Prison Fellowship. I'm from

1 Leesburg, Virginia.

2 CHAIRMAN WALTON: Again, I would like
3 to thank you to the seventh public hearing of the
4 Commission. The Commission was created by an Act of
5 Congress in 2003, and it was signed into law by the
6 President. The Commission is tasked with the
7 assessing -- the assessment, I'm sorry, of the nature
8 and prevalence and the factors that contribute to the
9 incidence of sexual assault in detention facilities
10 throughout the United States. The Commission's
11 ultimate responsibility is to produce a report that
12 addresses all aspects of sexual assault in detention
13 facilities and to propose standards designed to
14 address the problem.

15 Over the next two days of this hearing,
16 the Commission will explore the special challenges
17 that confront police in court lockup facilities, the
18 situation in Native American detention facilities, and
19 the status and efforts to improve and to respond to
20 sexual assault in Texas detention facilities,
21 especially in light of recent events that have had
22 national significance.

23 We wish to thank everyone who has
24 played a role in assisting in putting this hearing
25 together. We also would like to thank those of you

1 who will testify as witnesses. We would like to give
2 a special thanks, obviously, to the University of
3 Texas and to its law school.

4 As with our prior hearings, I'm
5 confident that what we will hear during the next few
6 days will greatly assist the Commission as we proceed
7 with our deliberations in assessing what our report
8 should indicate, and more importantly, what our
9 standards will recommend.

10 So, again, we thank you for your
11 presence and we will proceed with our first panel.

12 Our first panel will consist of
13 Ms. Kathy Hall-Martinez, who is associated with Stop
14 Prison Rape, and she will introduce the videotape of
15 the survivor witness who will present her testimony by
16 videotape.

17 Thank you. Good seeing you again.

18 MS. HALL-MARTINEZ: Thank you very
19 much, Judge Walton.

20 My name is Kathy Hall-Martinez. I am
21 the Co-Executive Director of Stop Prison Rape. I'm
22 here today because I want to introduce to you all the
23 testimony of Ms. Erica Hejnar. We at SPR met her for
24 the first time just over a month ago at the Survivor
25 Summit we convened in Los Angeles. She flew to L.A.