

FULL STATEMENT

“In OCR, processing times have skyrocketed in recent years and the case backlog has exploded. Justice delayed is justice denied, and justice for many complainants has been denied for too long.

"These internal enforcement instructions seek to clear out the backlog while giving every complaint the individualized and thorough consideration it deserves. There is no longer an artificial requirement to collect several years of data when many complaints can be adequately addressed much more efficiently and quickly. These new instructions also direct that all civil rights violations be given equal care and importance, and every type of civil right be enforced with equal vigor and vigilance.”

- ELIZABETH HILL, PRESS SECRETARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION