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THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (VREAC) TO HOLD A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ACROSS THE STATE TO SOLICIT DIRECT INPUT FROM CRIME VICTIMS

(Hartford, CT) --- The Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission, established by Governor Malloy, will hold a series of public hearings across the state to solicit input from crime victims and their families as to the current state of crime victims' rights and services in Connecticut.

"The Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission will be traveling across the state to hold a series of public hearings for victims of crime to inform the commission about their personal experiences with the criminal justice system," said Hakima Bey-Coon, Acting Chair of the Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission.

"We believe it is vitally important to hear directly from crime victims and their families when it comes to helping us evaluate the current state of crime victims' rights and services in Connecticut. Understanding that not everyone can make it to Hartford for a public hearing during the day, we wanted to reach out directly into communities across the state and hold hearings outside of normal business hours to try to accommodate as many individuals as possible", said Bey-Coon, who is also the Staff Attorney for the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA).

Dates, times and locations for the hearings are listed below:

10/20/14, 6:00-8:00PM, Albertus Magnus College, New Haven

10/27/14, 5:30-7:30PM, Hartford Public Library, Hartford

11/5/14, 6:00-8:00PM, Three Rivers Community College, Norwich

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