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ONE YEAR LATER: THE NEED FOR STANDARDS TO END PRISONER RAPE AND THE COST OF INACTION

In 2003, Congress unanimously passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to address the serious crisis of sexual violence in detention. One of PREA's key mandates was the development and promulgation of national standards for the prevention, detection, response, and monitoring of sexual abuse behind bars.

On June 23, 2009, the bipartisan National Prison Rape Elimination Commission submitted its recommended standards to the U.S. Attorney General. PREA requires Attorney General Holder to promulgate binding standards within one year of receiving the Commission's recommendations. One year later, and seven years after Congress passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act, these vitally important national standards have yet to be enacted.

Please join us for an informational briefing about the problem of prisoner rape and the importance of PREA. Speakers will provide first-hand accounts of prisoner rape, address the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission's findings, and the status of the promulgation of final standards. At the briefing, Just Detention International will also offer an overview of the hundreds of public comments that were submitted to the Department of Justice during the recent public comment period on the Commission's proposed standards.

**Friday, June 25, 2010
10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2226**

Moderator:

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