COALITION RELEASES REPORT CARD ON ASHCROFT’S RESPONSE TO MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS’ CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

WHO: Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition
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WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE community coalition releases report card for Attorney General Ashcroft and Department of Justice’s record on responding to elections civil rights violations.

WHERE: Joseph Caleb Center
    Room 110 (Meeting Room)
    5400 NW 22nd Avenue
    Miami, FL 33142

WHEN: 2:00 PM
    Monday October 28, 2002

WHY: In response to Attorney General Ashcroft announcement last week to monitor Miami-Dade’s upcoming November 5th elections, the Election Reform Community Coalition will release a report card on civil rights issues that have been brought before the Department of Justice (DOJ) since 2000.

“Ashcroft has refused to take action on the body of evidence on civil rights violations brought before him. As a result, we are concerned that the DOJ’s presence on November 5th will not improve, and may in fact deepen, the community’s crisis of confidence in the election process.”

-- Brad Brown, President of NAACP – Miami, member organization of the Election Reform Coalition

Copies of the report card and background on reports to DOJ will be made available.

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