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RE: Supreme Court Decision on Affordable Care Act

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“The Supreme Court’s decision on the Affordable Care Act is a great relief, as it helps protect the health and safety, as well as the economic security, of women. The Court, in upholding the ACA, has said that being a woman is not a pre-existing condition. The ACA outlaws discriminatory practices within the healthcare system, including, among other provisions, making it illegal for insurance companies to charge women more than men for the same benefit. The fact remains that women’s health needs are continually put on the back burner, and the Affordable Care Act, while not perfect, goes a long way in remedying gender-based disparities.”

About the PCSW: The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women was formed in 1973 under Sec. 46a-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes to study and improve Connecticut women’s economic security, health and safety; to promote consideration of qualified women to leadership positions and to work toward the elimination of gender discrimination. As a non-partisan arm of the General Assembly, the agency monitors, critiques and recommends changes to legislation in order to inform public policy, and assesses programs and practices in all State agencies for their effect on the state’s women. The PCSW serves as a liaison between government and its diverse constituents, and convenes stakeholders, including the business, non-profit and educational communities, local governments, and the media, in order to promote awareness of women’s issues.