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Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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RE: House Judiciary Hearing on Planned Parenthood

“As the House Judiciary Committee conducts a hearing into Planned Parenthood’s practices, we urge them to probe, with equal objectivity, the role of the Center for Medical Progress, a group whose subjectively edited videos ultimately led to this hearing. When government considers how well the public is being served, transparent investigations are central to our democracy. We believe that if the House does its job, not only will Planned Parenthood be cleared of any malfeasance – we will see renewed prominence in its role as a trusted healthcare provider safeguarding the lives of millions of American women through cancer screenings, prevention and treatment of STDs, and reproductive health services such as contraception and abortion.”

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.