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PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND AND PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN HONOR THE PAST AND LOOK TO A BETTER FUTURE AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF *GRISWOLD V. CONNECTICUT*

June 12 press conference features guest speakers who will share the historical significance of landmark decision Griswold v. CT and how it influences the future of women's health in Connecticut.

Who: Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE) and Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) commemorate the 50th Anniversary of *Griswold v. Connecticut*.

What: On June 7, 1965, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that the Connecticut law of no birth control violated the constitutional right to marital privacy. This landmark court decision, *Griswold v. Connecticut* provided the first constitutional protection for birth control and paved the way for the nearly unanimous acceptance of contraception that now exists in this country. The *Griswold* decision laid the foundation for the right to an abortion and was later used as evidence in *Roe v. Wade*.

On the 50th Anniversary of *Griswold v. Connecticut*, PPSNE, PCSW and invited guests join together to celebrate the gains made by women in the 50 years since the decision.

When: Friday, June 12, 2015
10 AM

Where: The Capitol Building, Old Judiciary Room
210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Additional Information:

Parking is available in the visitor parking lot at the Capitol Building and at the Legislative Office Building (LOB).

Tweet to your followers from the press conference by using **#ItStartedHere** and **#Griswold50**.

Guest Speakers:

- Judy Tabar, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
- Carolyn Treiss, Executive Director, PCSW
- U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal
- Michelle Jimenez, Community Educator, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
- George Jepson, Attorney General of Connecticut
- Dr. Jewel Mullen, Commissioner of Department of Public Health
- David McGuire, Legislative and Policy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut

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Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE) is one of the region's largest providers of family planning and reproductive health care services. Since 1923, PPSNE has evolved into an organization with 18 health centers in Connecticut and Rhode Island, delivering care to nearly 70,000 patients annually, and 90 percent of the services provided are preventive. In 2015, PPSNE recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, Griswold v. Connecticut, which ruled that the Connecticut law prohibiting the use of birth control violated the constitutional right to marital privacy. That decision paved the way for later decisions, including Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States.