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FROM: Carolyn Treiss, executive director, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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RE: Appropriations Committee Advancement of Paid Family & Medical Leave Legislation

“Today, the Appropriations Committee voted on a piece of historic legislation on paid family and medical leave, which has been gaining momentum and support amongst members of the Connecticut General Assembly, and, if passed, would be the most comprehensive in the nation. This is a huge step forward for the financial security, peace of mind and wellbeing of Connecticut’s women and families. We thank the many lawmakers, on both sides of the aisle, who thoughtfully considered this bill – whether or not they ultimately voted for it. And we now urge members of the House to continue our state’s track record of enacting policies aimed at making it possible for women to be successful in the home and in their careers.”

FROM: Catherine Bailey, legal and public policy director, CWEALF and chair, Campaign for Paid Family Leave (*PCSW is a member of the 50-member Campaign coalition.*)

“The Connecticut Campaign for Paid Family Leave applauds the Appropriations Committee’s vote today to advance paid family and medical leave in our state. This is an issue that impacts all workers at some point in their lives, and we are thrilled to see support to ensure that families avoid economic distress when faced with a serious illness or the birth or adoption of a new child. The Campaign urges the House to move forward on this policy, which would improve the lives of so many workers and their families.”

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.