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RE: Congressional Vote on ACA and Planned Parenthood

“While not exactly a surprise, today’s vote is very disappointing. Not only has the Affordable Care Act provided healthcare coverage for more than 12 million previously uninsured Americans and expanded Medicaid, it has eliminated discriminatory rating against women and has expanded access to preventive services. To eliminate this plan would be to roll back decades’ worth of progress in securing women’s healthcare rights.

“Additionally, the continuing, relentless attacks on Planned Parenthood – the nation’s leading provider of healthcare for women – are a waste of taxpayers’ dollars, a waste of time and a waste of political capital that could otherwise be used to enhance, not erode, the status of women in our country.

“The PCSW is proud of Connecticut’s Congressional delegation, who remain committed to ensuring women’s access to comprehensive healthcare.”

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.