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Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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RE: Paycheck Fairness Act

“We applaud the Senate for its historic 73-25 vote last week in favor of moving the Paycheck Fairness Act forward for further debate tonight. But the obvious question to ask is this: why is there still need for debate? More than four decades after the Fair Pay Act of 1963, women are still being cheated out of wages, Social Security benefits, and the chance to build assets for their old age. This legislation acknowledges that women are as valuable to the American workforce as men are, and it’s high time both chambers voted to treat women as equal citizens under the law. We are proud that all our Connecticut U.S. delegation consistently votes ‘yay,’ and we applaud U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro for her dogged dedication to reintroducing it year after year, and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal for consistently speaking out in its favor.”

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.