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Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

The State's leading force for women's equality

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**FROM: Carolyn Treiss, Executive Director**

**DATE: 7-24-15**

**RE: Planned Parenthood Controversy**

“The PCSW stands with Planned Parenthood in the face of this untruthful smear campaign. The most widely known and trusted women’s healthcare provider in the country, Planned Parenthood has helped millions of women – throughout their lifespan, of all races and economic strata – gain access to safe, professional healthcare, ranging from life-saving cancer screenings and mammograms, to reproductive health services such as contraception and abortion. Contrary to its name, the Center for Medical Progress is an extremist group whose current attack on Planned Parenthood is the latest in a long-standing pattern of harassing the organization and misleading the public. The PCSW applauds all lawmakers who oppose this latest attempt to discredit and defund Planned Parenthood, which we see as part of a larger attempt to limit women’s autonomy over their own bodies.”

*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.*