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RE: Report to the Governor on CT Gender Wage Gap

“This report is a good first step, but no one is under any delusions its recommendations will solve the decades-long problem of pay inequity. There’s a lot more work to be done, and we’re glad that among the recommendations is a call for a deeper inquiry, starting with collecting unemployment insurance data on full- and part-time workers by occupation, and tracking how businesses and contractors are addressing this form of gender discrimination. It’s a bold step to be looking at the private sector in a struggling economy, but we believe pay equity is a driver of economic growth, not a hindrance to it. As women make most of a family’s purchasing decisions and are increasingly the primary breadwinner, closing the pay gap will bolster not only women’s economic security, but that of entire families, too.”

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.