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Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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**FROM:** Teresa C. Younger, Executive Director

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**RE:** Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Bill

“We applaud the women of the General Assembly for crafting a deeper legislative response to the problem of campus sexual assault. As written, the bill will strengthen existing laws on the books by broadening the scope of inquiry into incidents, improving the reporting of assaults, strengthening existing training programs and holding college administrations accountable for what takes place on their campuses. It’s a timely response, and shows that our government officials were listening to the voices of women who spoke at the public hearings on this matter. Statistically, one in four women are likely to be sexually assaulted over the course of their college careers, and we commend Connecticut for leading the way, once again, in legislation that combines common sense with compassion.”

*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.*