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OFFICIAL STATEMENT: From Teresa C. Younger, executive director, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW)

RE: U.S. Supreme Court's Decision on Wal-Mart Class Action

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HARTFORD – “Given that the Supreme Court has issued this dramatic blow to women’s collective efforts to eliminate gender discrimination through the court system, it is all the more urgent that Congress enact a legislative remedy. Against the backdrop of this egregious decision, the Paycheck Fairness Act becomes even more critical in moving the country away from gender discrimination and toward equity for all workers.”

About the PCSW: The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women was formed in 1973 under Sec. 46a 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.