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Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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RE: FAMILY Act Proposed Legislation

“We applaud both Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for introducing this vital and sensible legislation, which is already the law of the land in many developed nations. In this country, we often say we support family values, but without policies that actually support *families*, that’s an empty statement.

“Building on the solid foundation of the national Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which has its roots here in Connecticut, this new law, if passed and enacted, would provide eligible workers a portion of their pay should they need to leave work temporarily to care for their families. Enabling workers to continue to support themselves and their families financially while they provide caregiving support is critical to families’ long-term economic stability. And, as California’s 10-year history with paid family leave proves, it makes good business sense, 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.