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Commission Isn't An Extravagance

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The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women should be seen as a cost savings to our state and not a drain, as some see it [Page 1, Jan. 7, "Unaffordable Extravagances?"].

With all the talk about investing in the infrastructure to get our economy rolling again, how can we not invest in the security of more than 50 percent of our state's population?

Women's health and safety are critical as we work to rebuild the economic security of all Connecticut's citizens. The commission's work covers a vast array of issues that affect women, but taking even one example is useful. Think about the value of sexual harassment training offered by the commission and try to estimate what one incident of sexual harassment costs not only the victim, but the taxpayers, too, as we prosecute offenders. This example alone makes the 77 cents per woman (the cost of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to the state) one of the best bargains around.

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