

**Testimony of Judith B. Greiman
Regarding Appointment to the
New England Board of Higher Education**

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Good morning, Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Judy Greiman, and I am here before you today to testify regarding my qualifications for and desire to serve on the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). I would like to begin by thanking Governor Rell for this re-appointment.

I am the President of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC) where I have served since May 1998. CCIC is a nonprofit association, which represents the interests of private colleges in Connecticut. The CCIC Board is comprised of the Presidents of these institutions. CCIC provides a forum for the discussion of opportunities and concerns common to independent colleges and universities and seeks to improve the general climate for independent higher education in Connecticut. As part of my responsibilities, I conduct public relations, research, public policy development, government relations and purchasing coordination work on behalf of the sixteen member colleges and universities. I spend a great deal of time on strengthening financial aid programs for students and working to bring about a greater understanding of the impact and contributions of independent colleges and universities in Connecticut. I also manage administrative and academic collaboration efforts on behalf of the sector.

Immediately prior to my appointment at CCIC, I served for three years as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Connecticut State University System Office (CSUS). At CSUS, I was responsible for collective bargaining with faculty and staff for the entire System, public relations, planning and general administration. In bringing labor contracts to negotiated settlements for the first time in many years, I came to have in-depth knowledge of the issues facing university staff, faculty and administration during this time of significant change in higher education. My understanding of how technology is changing higher education delivery systems and of how higher education is critical to the development of a workforce that can meet the ever-changing needs of a state was further deepened during my time at CSUS and has been strengthened in my ten years at CCIC.

Prior to CSUS, I served in various capacities at the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). At OPM, where my positions ranged from Counsel to Deputy Secretary, in addition to many other duties, I served as the Secretary's representative to the

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, the Connecticut Housing Authority and the Investment Advisory Council. These board positions gave me a strong foundation in the skills and responsibilities that all board members must bring to the organizations they serve.

Currently, I serve on the boards of the National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, the Wadsworth Atheneum, CURE's BioBus, NEBHE, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League, the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium Executive Committee, and the Commission for Educational Technology. I am also the incoming chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities State Executives. Each of these roles has given me an in-depth knowledge of the issues facing higher education institutions and non-profits today and of the importance of making sure that there are strong links between these institutions and the state's employers and policy makers.

I feel that my background has prepared me well for continued service on NEBHE. Additionally, given the mission of the Board, it is critical that the interests of the largest sector of higher education in Connecticut be represented on this regional body. NEBHE, created in 1955, is an interstate compact of the New England states that is responsible for increasing educational opportunities for New England residents, promoting regional cooperation and efficient use of New England's educational resources and strengthening the connection between higher education and economic development in New England. I would be proud to continue to represent Connecticut, Governor Rell and the CCIC institutions on this important Board.

Thank you for your time. I am available to answer any questions you might have.