

Senator Toni Harp  
State Representative John C. Geragosian  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 2700  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Harp and Representative Geragosian:

I am writing in support of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) for the second consecutive year. I have been watching the courageous fight that PCSW has committed to over the past year to continue its important work. I find this alone to be a testament of their strength and worth as an organization. Throughout budget cuts and fear of being forced to close, PCSW has survived admirably and has continued its important work.

As a Director of an anti-trafficking organization in Connecticut, I strongly feel that PCSW is crucial in the fight against human trafficking in the State of Connecticut and an essential partner in the mission of the Barnaba Institute.

The mission of the Barnaba Institute is to raise awareness about human trafficking as it pertains to sexual exploitation through education and media; to provide professional training courses on how to identify human trafficking victims and to provide support, guidance and care to sexually exploited and trafficked youth and adults.

The PCSW provides an important State platform for anti-trafficking organizations, professionals and intellectuals to come together periodically throughout the year to educate and develop policy changes to better fight human trafficking and helps its victims.

It would be a horrible mistake to eliminate the PCSW and I sincerely feel that it would be a loss not only to the Barnaba Institute, but to women throughout Connecticut who rely on the PCSW to be their voice and advocate.

Sincerely,

Alexis Taylor Litos

Executive Director  
The Barnaba Institute