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To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau has a long history of working with the women's commissions across the country to improve women's working conditions and to advance their employment opportunities. The Women's Bureau in Region I based in Boston has worked cooperatively and successfully with the Women's Commissions on the Status of Women in the six New England states, including the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women for many years.

The Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) has been a valuable resource for the Women's Bureau and for the other state and local commissions in New England. PCSW has served as a leader and inspiration for other state and city women's commissions across New England. The leadership of PCSW regularly attends the tri-annual meetings of the New England Coalition of Commissions on the Status of Women. Several years ago, past leaders of the PCSW traveled to Vermont when the status of the Vermont Commission on Women was in question. Together, the New England commissions provide support to one another in achieving their common mission of serving women.

As Regional Administrator of the Bureau for the past fourteen years, I have personally worked with the Commission under the capable leadership of the current Executive Director, Teresa Younger, and the past Executive Director, Leslie Brett. The Commission has been the recipient of numerous Women's Bureau contract awards for education, outreach, and demonstration projects to advance the opportunities of Connecticut women in numerous areas including equal pay, non-traditional occupations, and financial literacy. The Commission has also served as an excellent resource on Connecticut programs of value to women and girls including local programming across the state on science, technology, engineering, and math career educational opportunities for girls and women, multi-cultural events, and student enrichment programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for the important work done by the PCSW. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance in answering any questions about the Women's Bureau work with the Commission.

Sincerely,


Jacqueline Cooke
Regional Administrator

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