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**Testimony of
The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
Before the
Human Services Committee
March 17, 2011**

Re: S.B. 1150, AAC the Provision of Medicaid Benefits to Certain Childless Adults

Senators Musto and Markley, Representatives Butler and Miller, and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) regarding the above referenced bill.

CT Specific Data: The Kaiser Family Foundation estimated that in 2009, there were over 130,800 uninsured women ages 18-64 in Connecticut.¹

S.B. 1150 would provide Medicaid benefits to childless adults, with incomes up to 133% of the FPL (\$14,484/year). Currently, childless adults must be disabled or elderly to receive healthcare assistance. Healthy low-income childless adults cannot afford preventative care. This proposal would assist many of the state's uninsured to obtain health care.

We look forward to working with you to address these important issues. Thank you for your consideration.

¹ Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts, Connecticut: Health Insurance Coverage of Women 19-64, states (2008-2009), U.S. (2009)
<<http://www.statehealthfacts.org/profileind.jsp?ind=652&cat=3&rgn=8&cmprgn=1>>