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To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau Region I has worked cooperatively and successfully with the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women for many years. During my tenure as Regional Administrator, 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 also serves as an excellent resource on Connecticut programs of value to women and girls across the state on the important and emerging Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) educational opportunities for girls and women.

The Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (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 bi-annual meetings of the New England Coalition of Commissions on the Status of Women. The Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women is a valuable resource for the Women's Bureau on issues of importance to working women in Connecticut.

Several years ago when the New England Coalition of Commissions on Women hosted a National Association of Commissions on Women Conference, PCSW leadership was recognized for its outstanding work. This past fall, I attended an educational conference for a diverse audience of women with speakers, panel presentations, and exhibits at the Connecticut State House hosted and excellently organized by the Permanent Commission.

Please contact me if I might be of assistance in answering any questions about the Women's Bureau work with the Commission. The Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women has been a valuable partner to the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau for many years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Cooke".

Jacqueline Cooke  
Regional Administrator