

Appropriations Committee Public Hearing re: PCSW Budget

Feb 19, 2013

Representative Walker and Senator Harp:

The idea of merging the PCSW with the commissions on children, Asian-Americans, Latinos and African-Americans is a significant leap backwards in achieving equality for women in the state of Connecticut. Women's unique needs, interests and issues cannot be blended with the unique needs, interests and issues of diverse racial, ethnic and age-related groups. Consolidating the commissions would be to dilute their purpose and diminish their efficacy in carrying out their missions. I urge that we keep the commissions independent as the best way to support the rights and promote the well-being of the citizens of Connecticut. Please make sure that Connecticut continues to be a leader in the nation with regard to women's equal rights and opportunity, which is the critical, noble role of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

Thank you.

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