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HB 6824: AAC THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE.

Support for Funding for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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The League of Women Voters of Connecticut appreciates the opportunity to comment today on the Governor's proposed budget regarding the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

As you consider the Governor's Budget, the League urges you to provide adequate funding for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) and to keep PCSW as a stand-alone independent commission.

What happens to women has a direct bearing on the health and well-being not only of their families but on their communities and the state. As an independent, nonpartisan commission, PCSW examines how policies and programs affect women and their families in the past, present and future. In its watchdog role, PCSW provides essential research, spotlights critical issues, and recommends public policy approaches to address effects of gender discrimination.

Thank you for your consideration.