

TO: Government Administration and Elections Committee

I, **Maggie Goodwin** of West Haven CT am testifying **in favor** of on behalf of the **National Organization for Women CT** and as a member of the NOW CT board.. We call upon the Government Administration and Elections Committee to support ***HB-5654: An Act Concerning the Updating of State Forms, Applications and Methods Of Identification to Include a Nonbinary Gender Option.***

NOW CT believes advancing civil rights for LBGTQ+ people is critical to advancing women's rights and gender justice. We recognize sex and gender are not the same, gender is not binary, and an individual's gender identity is fundamental to their self-determination, dignity, and humanity. It is time to include a non-binary gender option on all Ct government forms NOW.

CT NOW urges the committee to vote in favor of *HB-5654* and require all state agency forms, applications and methods of identification to be updated with a nonbinary gender option.

Thank you.