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May 7, 1996

Ms. Leslie J. Brett
Executive Director
Permanent Commission on the
Status of Women
90 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for your letter regarding the creation of a National Commission on the Status of Women. As a young man, I was inspired by President Kennedy's vision of a society in which all our citizens are respected and valued in equal measure -- a vision that led him to establish the President's Commission on the Status of Women, headed by Eleanor Roosevelt, in 1961.

My Administration is currently exploring the possibility of formalizing Non-Governmental Organization involvement in advising the White House on national and international issues of concern to women. In addition, I have created several offices to ensure that women have a voice in my Administration. These include the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach and the President's Interagency Committee on Women. Both offices work closely with NGO's and women across the nation.

As we move toward our common goal of justice and equality for all Americans, I appreciate hearing your views.

Sincerely,

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II. Scheduling Request -- forward to Megan Williams, 111.5

**III. Personal Recommendation - forward to Anne Swartz,
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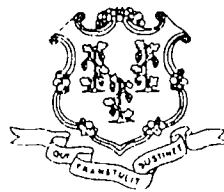
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March 29, 1996

The Honorable President Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20503

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of women in Connecticut, I urge you to re-activate the U.S. President's
Commission on the Status of Women.

The Connecticut PCSW has proven to be effective in collecting and disseminating information on issues of critical concern to women in our state. We would like a counterpart on the federal level to take the lead in addressing issues of concerns to our nation's families and to serve as a role model for other local, county, or state government-sponsored commissions. Re-activating the U.S. President's Commission on the Status of Women will demonstrate your administration's true commitment to American women and families.

This commission would further be of service to women by providing a collective voice through which women on the grassroots level can have direct input to the executive branch regarding vital family issues.

At the close of Women's History month, I urge you re-activate the U.S. President's Commission on the Status of Women that was first formed by President Kennedy and chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Thank you for recognizing the need for a national, non-partisan, government sponsored advisory body representing the diverse population and wisdom of women throughout the United States.

Sincerely,

Leslie Brett
Executive Director