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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Charles F. Hurley Building
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January 29, 2001

Dear Friend:

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, in collaboration with the women's commissions of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville and the Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston, is hosting a public hearing in Boston focusing on girls' issues. We invite you to attend this hearing, to be held on March 15, 2001 at Roxbury Community College.

The Massachusetts Commission has been conducting a series of hearings across the state to listen to the concerns of women and girls. A similar hearing will be held in Boston at a later date. Because girls' issues were mentioned as a major concern at previous hearings and because we are aware that girls' needs often are inadvertently overlooked, this hearing centers on girls' issues.

Thursday, March 15, 2001, 3 – 6 PM
Roxbury Community College, Student Center Room 200
1234 Columbus Ave., Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

To ensure that girls have time to speak, speaking time will be limited and RSVP is preferred. All staff and girls from your organization are welcome to attend the hearing; however, each organization's speaking time is limited to one three-minute time slot that can be filled by two speakers (this includes girls representing your organization). Written testimony will be accepted from any number of people from your organization. To ensure that your organization is represented, RSVP to speak by **Friday, February 23, 2001**. Once RSVP slots are filled, speakers will be accepted as time allows. RSVP by email (mcsww@state.ma.us) or phone (617-626-6520).

In case of inclement weather, please call the Massachusetts Commission office (617-626-6520) for cancellation information. If the hearing is cancelled, please send your written testimony to the Commission office. No snow date is scheduled.

With your participation, we will be able to identify some of the most pressing concerns facing girls in our state and begin to work with you on strategies for addressing them. Please contact the Massachusetts Commission office for more information (617-626-6520).

Sincerely,

Priscilla Golding, Executive Director
Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

Nancy Ryan, Executive Director
Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

Susana Segat, Chair
Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

Christie Mase, Executive Director
Somerville Commission for Women

Marie A. Turley, Executive Director
Boston Women's Commission

Kathryn Wheeler, Executive Director
Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston



Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women Survey of Concerns About Girls

Please rank your top *three* concerns with number **one** being the highest.

After-School Programming	
Body Image/Eating Disorders	
Discrimination Based on Race, Sexual Orientation, Disability, Etc.	
Education/Career Planning	
Leadership Development/Mentoring	
Poverty/Homelessness/Hunger	
Sexual Harassment	
Substance Abuse	
Teen Pregnancy/Sex Education/HIV Prevention	
Violence Against Women and Girls	
Other	

Thank you in advance for assisting us in preparing for the hearing.

Name: _____

Org: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

- I will ____ / will not ____ attend the Girls' Hearing on March 15, 2001.
- I will ____ / will not ____ speak at the Girls' Hearing on March 15, 2001. *Each organization's speaking time is limited to one three-minute time slot that can be filled by two speakers (this includes girls representing your organization).*

RSVP to Speak by February 23, 2001

Return to:

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Collaborating organizations: Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston, Boston Women's Commission, Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women, and Somerville Commission for Women

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Community College, Student
Center Room 200, 1234 Columbus
Avenue, Roxbury Crossing.

In City Council February 5, 2001

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