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TO: CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S COMMISSIONS
FROM: NANCY RIFFLE, ACW PRESIDENT

We are trying to find ways to be more effective in initiating, monitoring and lobbying for legislation benefiting women, and we would like to know how your commission addresses this task.

We would appreciate it very much if you would let us know how you handle legislative efforts. Here are some of the questions we are particularly interested in:

1. How do you decide what legislation to support?
2. How do you monitor a bill's progress through the legislature?
3. How do you demonstrate your support?
4. Do you belong to the Women, Family and Work Coalition and, if so, do you attend its meetings in Sacramento?
5. Does the state COSW play a significant role in your legislative efforts? Could it be more helpful?
6. Do you have any kind of support network of organizations that you can call on for legislative support?
7. Do you maintain any regular contact with your area legislators (state or federal) and if so, how?
8. Do you focus on a few issues, or support many?
9. How do you respond to requests for letters of support from other people or organizations, especially when they come at the last minute?
10. Have you ever initiated a bill which was introduced in the legislature? If so, please explain.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you find telephoning more convenient than responding by letter, please contact me at (415) 364-6938. Leave your telephone number and times when I can reach you.

Yours truly,

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