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Dear Senators Duff and Fasono and Representatives Ritter and Klarides:

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is pleased to transmit to your offices our Connecticut Advisory Committee's [Advisory Memorandum](#) on the prosecutorial appointment process and prosecutorial practices in the criminal justice system.

The Commission maintains 51 Advisory Committees - one for each state and the District of Columbia. The role of the Committees is to study civil rights issues in their communities and report findings and recommendations to the Commission. The Commission appreciates the Connecticut Advisory Committee's focused attention to the prosecutorial appointment process and prosecutorial practices and whether these practices contribute to racial disparities in the Connecticut criminal justice system.

In response to these recommendations, we advise that you take the steps necessary to protect civil rights in your jurisdiction. We have similarly asked Attorney General Tong to review the recommendations.

The Commission appreciates your consideration, in the hope of ensuring civil rights protections. We look forward to hearing from you on what actions you will take in response.

Sincerely,

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Catherine E. Lhamon
Chair

cc: David McGuire, Chair, Connecticut Advisory Committee

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Connecticut Advisory Committee [Advisory Memorandum](#) (via email only)



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William Tong
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