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**The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women
To Host Virtual Public Hearing: Women in the Workforce**

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women in collaboration with Regional Commissions will host the first MCSW public hearing: Women in the Workforce. MCSW seeks to elevate voices of women in the workforce regarding financial, mental health, and in person/remote experiences to develop policy recommendations and advocate for legislation that can help lessen the burden for all in the Commonwealth. The hearing will be hosted via Zoom on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. To participate, please register through [Eventbrite](#).

The MCSW will collect information through written and oral testimony as well as online survey. The online survey is available in six different languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese. The Commission is encouraging participants to access the survey on the Commission's [website](#). The online survey will remain open until December 8, 2021. The findings and recommendations regarding policies that would affect positive change for women and girls in the Commonwealth will be shared publicly in the form of a report slated for release in January.

Newly appointed Executive Director Yarice Hidalgo shares, "I am honored to join this first virtual public hearing of the year as my first order of business as Executive Director. I look forward to hearing from all women in the workforce, across all sectors of work, in what their communities and families need to improve their quality of life. Our goal is to highlight an array of diverse voices and learn from each other. We invite agencies, foundations, nonprofits, civic groups, professional organizations, community groups, and leaders from all sectors to promote attendance to the hearing or encourage women to participate in the survey. Our Commission is committed to capture the status of all women and girls in Massachusetts."

For more information, please contact us at mcsw@mass.gov or visit www.mass.gov/women.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts.

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