

## CBA LPRC POSITION REQUEST FORM

The CBA \_\_\_\_ Women in the\_ Law **position request** is as follows:

- 1) Proposed legislative or regulatory concept:

Prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation

- 2) Explanation and rationale for advancing this position:

Connecticut is one of just 11 states that does not have any law outlawing this practice. Estimates place around 2,658 women and girls in Connecticut as having been affected by this practice. It is a form of community sanctioned gender-based violence that denies girls agency over their sexual and reproductive health.

- 3) Is draft regulation, legislation or proposed bill included?

Yes, but this bill has not yet been presented to the legislature

- 4) What is the date of any legislative hearing, if known?

n/a

- 5) Was this position previously approved by the CBA? If so, when does/did it expire?

No

- 6) Is the CBA section or committee seeking to join a previously approved CBA section or committee position?

Not to our knowledge, but we understand the Human Rights section has been asked to support

- 7) Potential or actual CBA opposition from another CBA section or committee?

None known

- 8) Strength of section position (including process and results of section vote taken on issue):

WILS Executive Board approved support via email on or about March 13, 2021. On March 24, 2021, an email went out to the entire section seeking approval for support. Of the 29 members that responded, 27 members responded in favor of supporting the legislation and two had questions and could not give unqualified support, but did not outright oppose.

- 9) Fiscal impact (on the state):

Not known specifically at this time, but presumably minimal

- 10) Are you seeking "fast-track" approval?<sup>1</sup>

No

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<sup>1</sup> A "fast track" recommendation will be submitted to the House of Delegates (HOD) or Board of Governors (BOG) at its next scheduled meeting (or, if between meetings of the HOD or BOG and during the legislative session, to the Executive Committee), and is warranted only when the Legislative Policy & Review Committee concludes that further analysis and study is unnecessary and where there is legitimate time pressure to address pending legislation.