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SECRETARY MERRILL ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF SPEAKER DONOVAN'S CAMPAIGN

Hartford – Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today issued the following statement regarding the federal investigation of the political campaign of Connecticut House Speaker Christopher Donovan, a candidate for Connecticut's 5th Congressional district.

“I have known Chris Donovan for 20 years and know him to have none but the highest standards of integrity. The legal process we have all learned about in the last 24 hours must now be given a chance to follow its due course. However, the allegations contained in the federal affidavit are very troubling and raise serious doubts about the integrity of our legislative process in Connecticut. They also have a potentially damaging effect on the public's confidence in our elections. Many of us have said for years that money has a corrosive influence in politics, and that is why it is imperative for those of us in government to continue to support clean elections and initiatives such as the Citizens Election Program that we pioneered in Connecticut. In the meantime, I applaud the speaker's decision not to preside over the House of Representatives in the upcoming special session.”