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MERRILL: POLLS ARE OPEN ACROSS CONNECTICUT FOR AT LEAST 23 STATE AND FEDERAL PRIMARIES, GO AND VOTE!

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION REGISTERED
DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ELIGIBLE TO CAST BALLOTS TODAY

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded registered Democrats and Republicans in Connecticut that as of 6:00 a.m. polls are now open for statewide primaries. Secretary Merrill is encouraging enrolled members of either major party to show up at the polls. Secretary Merrill is also reporting that a total of 1,137,580 registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible to cast a ballot today for offices such as U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, General Assembly, Registrar of Voters, and Judge of Probate. Since the beginning of 2012, more than 60,000 new voters have registered in Connecticut. A complete breakdown of Registered Voters follows at the bottom of this news release.

“If you are a registered Democrat or Republican it is very important to go out and vote today, because critical national and state government decisions will be made by the candidates we select to be on the November ballot,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “We have some very exciting and closely contested primaries this year, and we will be available should any problems arise during the day. We have our phone and email hotline up and running should any voter feel the need to report any concerns at the polls. Make sure your voice is heard and that you exercise your right to choose the future leaders of your community and your state.”

For today’s primaries, the Secretary of the State’s office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission have opened the Election Day hotline **1-866-SEEC-INFO (1-866-733-2463)** to report problems at the polls. In addition, the two agencies are providing an email alert contact – elections@ct.gov – for voters to use if they encounter any difficulties casting ballots during the day. Voters who do use the hotline or email to describe problems can either state their name or

report issues anonymously; but are asked to state the town and polling place where they are observing the problems, and provide as many specifics or details as they can. This will greatly assist SEEC or Secretary of the State's staff to address the issue and find a solution as expeditiously as possible.

In addition to the email and telephone hotline, the Secretary of the State's office and staff from the SEEC will hold three separate conference calls during the day today to share information about potential problems or complaints at the polls, and coordinate the appropriate responses to those.

Voters can go to the Secretary of the State's website www.sots.ct.gov to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located. They can also find out information about absentee ballots and a list of candidates for the statewide primaries. Only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote in the primaries. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. today. The following primaries have been reported to the Secretary of the State's office (* denotes party endorsed candidate):

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Candidate</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| United States Senator | Republican | *Linda E. McMahon Christopher Shays |
| United States Senator | Democratic | *Christopher S. Murphy Susan Bysiewicz |
| Representative in Congress – 2 | Republican | *Paul M. Formica Daria Novak |
| Representative in Congress – 5 | Republican | *Andrew Roraback Justin Bernier Lisa Wilson Foley Mark Greenberg |
| Representative in Congress – 5 | Democratic | *Chris Donovan Elizabeth Esty Dan Roberti |
| State Senate – 19 | Democratic | *Tom Reynolds Catherine A. Osten |
| State Senate – 23 | Democratic | *Ernest E. Newton II Andres Ayala, Jr. Edwin A. Gomes |
| State Senate – 33 | Democratic | *James Crawford Mary Ellen Klinck |
| Assembly District – 3 | Democratic | *Minnie Gonzalez Victor M. Luna, Jr. |
| Assembly District – 5 | Democratic | *Leo Canty |

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Candidate</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | Brandon McGee Donald Trinks |
| Assembly District – 6 | Democratic | *Edwin Vargas, Jr. Hector Luis Robles |
| Assembly District – 13 | Democratic | *Joe Diminico Tom Gullotta |
| Assembly District – 58 | Democratic | *Kathy Tallarita David Alexander |
| Assembly District – 63 | Democratic | *Michael J. Renzullo Doug Bendetto |
| Assembly District – 75 | Democratic | *Victor Cuevas David Aldarondo |
| Assembly District – 91 | Democratic | *John P. Flanagan Michael C. D’Agostino |
| Assembly District – 107 | Republican | *Harold A. Shaker David A. Scribner |
| Assembly District – 116 | Democratic | *Louis P. Esposito, Jr. David C. Forsyth |
| Assembly District - 128 | Democratic | *Christina M. Ayala Angel Reyes |
| Assembly District – 132 | Democratic | *Sue Brand Kevin Coyner |
| Hamden – Bethany Probate District | Democratic | *Craig B. Henrici Edward C. Burt, Jr. |
| Registrar of Voters - Hartford | Republican | *Salvatore A. Bramante Nyesha C. McCauley |
| Registrar of Voters – Hartford | Democratic | *Ramon L. Arroyo Olga Iris Vazquez |

**TOTAL CT ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS BY PARTY
AS OF 8/13/2012**

| PARTY | COUNT |
|---------------------|-------|
| ----- | |
| A Better Future | 6 |
| A Connecticut Party | 4 |

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| A Sentinel Party | 26 |
| Canterbury First | 2 |
| Chatham Party | 8 |
| Concerned Citizens | 185 |
| Connecticut For Lieberman | 78 |
| Democratic | 724,110 |
| Enfield Taxpayers Party | 2 |
| Friends Of Saybrook | 14 |
| Green | 1,674 |
| Guilty | 1 |
| Independence | 789 |
| Independence For Montville | 7 |
| Independent | 10,152 |
| Independent Choice | 1 |
| Independent Party of Darien | 1 |
| Libertarian | 1,271 |
| Milford Independent Party | 3 |
| Norwich for Change | 1 |
| Pro-Bethel | 2 |
| Realistic Balance | 3 |
| Reform | 83 |
| Republican | 413,470 |
| Swing | 2 |
| The Hampton Party | 1 |
| Unaffiliated | 818,545 |
| We The People | 47 |
| Winsted Independent | 36 |
| Working Families | 171 |
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| TOTAL | 1,970,695 |

CT ACTIVE VOTERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AS OF 8/13/2012

| CD | PARTY | COUNT |
|-----|---------------------------|----------------|
| CD1 | A Connecticut Party | 1 |
| | Concerned Citizens | 16 |
| | Connecticut For Lieberman | 33 |
| | Democratic | 168,562 |
| | Friends Of Saybrook | 1 |
| | Green | 257 |
| | Independence | 52 |
| | Independent | 1,754 |
| | Libertarian | 220 |
| | Reform | 6 |
| | Republican | 69,403 |
| | Unaffiliated | 148,199 |

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| Winsted Independent | 36 |
| CD1 Working Families | 59 |
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| CD1 TOTAL | 388,599 |

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| CD2 A Connecticut Party | 1 |
| A Sentinel Party | 26 |
| Canterbury First | 2 |
| Chatham Party | 8 |
| Concerned Citizens | 7 |
| Connecticut For Lieberman | 15 |
| Democratic | 127,576 |
| Enfield Taxpayers Party | 2 |
| Friends Of Saybrook | 1 |
| Green | 464 |
| Independence | 267 |
| Independence For Montville | 7 |
| CD2 Independent | 2,295 |
| Libertarian | 325 |
| Norwich for Change | 1 |
| Reform | 17 |
| Republican | 88,021 |
| The Hampton Party | 1 |
| Unaffiliated | 185,920 |
| Working Families | 33 |
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| CD2 TOTAL | 404,989 |

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| CD3 A Better Future | 6 |
| A Connecticut Party | 1 |
| Concerned Citizens | 19 |
| Connecticut For Lieberman | 15 |
| Democratic | 161,691 |
| CD3 Friends Of Saybrook | 7 |
| Green | 386 |
| Guilty | 1 |
| Independence | 174 |
| Independent | 1,090 |
| Libertarian | 182 |
| Milford Independent Party | 3 |
| Realistic Balance | 3 |
| Reform | 30 |
| Republican | 62,265 |
| Unaffiliated | 164,883 |
| Working Families | 24 |
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| CD3 TOTAL | 390,780 |

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| CD4 A Connecticut Party | 1 |
| CD4 Concerned Citizens | 5 |
| Connecticut For Lieberman | 4 |
| Democratic | 137,572 |
| Friends Of Saybrook | 2 |
| Green | 240 |
| Independence | 174 |
| Independent | 2,137 |
| Independent Party of Darien | 1 |
| Libertarian | 287 |
| Reform | 24 |
| Republican | 99,942 |
| Unaffiliated | 147,419 |
| Working Families | 17 |
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| CD4 TOTAL | 387,825 |

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| CD5 Concerned Citizens | 138 |
| Connecticut For Lieberman | 11 |
| Democratic | 128,705 |
| Friends Of Saybrook | 3 |
| Green | 327 |
| Independence | 122 |
| Independent | 2,874 |
| Independent Choice | 1 |
| Libertarian | 258 |
| Pro-Bethel | 2 |
| Reform | 6 |
| Republican | 93,843 |
| Swing | 2 |
| Unaffiliated | 172,118 |
| We The People | 47 |
| Working Families | 38 |
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| CD5 TOTAL | 398,495 |

NEW VOTERS ADDED SINCE 1/1/12

| PARTY | COUNT |
|---------------------------|---------------|
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| Connecticut For Lieberman | 3 |
| Democratic | 19,827 |
| Friends Of Saybrook | 1 |
| Green | 52 |
| Independence | 24 |
| Independent | 1,113 |

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| Independent Choice | 1 |
| Independent Party of Darien | 1 |
| Libertarian | 86 |
| Reform | 3 |
| Republican | 12,256 |
| Swing | 1 |
| Unaffiliated | 26,758 |
| We The People | 4 |
| Winsted Independent | 1 |
| Working Families | 15 |
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| TOTAL | 60,146 |

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12 BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

| CD | PARTY | COUNT |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| CD1 | Democratic | 5,351 |
| | Green | 11 |
| | Independence | 1 |
| | Independent | 227 |
| | Libertarian | 18 |
| | Reform | 1 |
| | Republican | 2,280 |
| | Unaffiliated | 5,671 |
| | Winsted Independent | 1 |
| | Working Families | 2 |
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| | CD1 TOTAL NEW VOTERS | 13,563 |
| CD2 | Connecticut For Lieberman | 2 |
| | Democratic | 2,823 |
| | Green | 7 |
| | Independence | 3 |
| | Independent | 245 |
| | Libertarian | 19 |
| | Reform | 2 |
| | Republican | 2,629 |
| | Unaffiliated | 5,342 |
| | Working Families | 1 |
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| | CD2 TOTAL NEW VOTERS | 11,073 |
| CD3 | Democratic | 4,031 |
| | Green | 12 |
| | Independence | 13 |
| CD3 | Independent | 197 |
| | Libertarian | 14 |

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| Republican | 1,753 |
| Unaffiliated | 4,734 |
| Working Families | 4 |

CD3 NEW VOTERS TOTAL 10,758

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| CD4 Democratic | 4,231 |
| Friends Of Saybrook | 1 |
| Green | 8 |
| Independence | 5 |
| Independent | 195 |
| Independent Party of Darien | 1 |
| Libertarian | 20 |
| Republican | 2,886 |
| CD4 Unaffiliated | 5,241 |
| Working Families | 3 |

CD4 NEW VOTERS TOTAL 12,591

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| CD5 Connecticut For Lieberman | 1 |
| Democratic | 3,391 |
| Green | 14 |
| Independence | 2 |
| Independent | 249 |
| Independent Choice | 1 |
| Libertarian | 15 |
| Republican | 2,708 |
| Swing | 1 |
| Unaffiliated | 5,770 |
| We The People | 4 |
| CD5 Working Families | 5 |

CD5 NEW VOTERS TOTAL 12,161