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**MERRILL RECEIVES WITHDRAWAL OF  
CANDIDACY FROM SPEAKER DONOVAN  
FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS WORKING FAMILIES PARTY HAS UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO NOMINATE NEW CANDIDATE FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> CD

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today received an official letter from House Speaker Chris Donovan withdrawing his candidacy for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Donovan was the endorsed candidate of the Working Families party and would have appeared on the ballot the November 6, 2012 general election in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. According to Connecticut election law, Donovan's withdrawal gives the Working Families party until September 5, 2012 – the minor party nomination and certification deadline – to choose a new candidate for that Congressional seat if it wishes to.

“I have received Speaker Donovan's letter withdrawing his candidacy for Congress in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections official. “Since Speaker Donovan was the endorsed candidate for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of the Working Families party, that party now has until September 5<sup>th</sup> to nominate someone else if it wants to put a candidate on the November general election ballot.”

A copy of Speaker Donovan's withdrawal letter is attached to this news release.