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## **SECRETARY MERRILL ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING JURY VERDICT IN FEDERAL CORRUPTION TRIAL OF FORMER GOVERNOR ROWLAND**

**Hartford** – Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today issued the following statement regarding the guilty verdicts delivered today in the federal corruption trial of former Connecticut Governor John Rowland. Rowland was convicted of conspiring to receive and conceal illegal payments as a consultant to the 2012 Congressional campaign of Republican 5<sup>th</sup> District candidate Lisa Wilson-Foley.

“This is another sad day in Connecticut politics. Our citizens deserve elections that are fair, open, and honest. Today’s jury verdict has reaffirmed that in Connecticut we have zero tolerance for those who attempt to skirt the rules.”