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- STATEMENT -

**SECRETARY MERRILL STATEMENT ON THE  
ARREST OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
CHRISTINA AYALA**

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today issued the following statement on the arrest of State Representative Christina Ayala (D-128) of Bridgeport on 19 felony charges of voter fraud.

“This is a very troubling development. Anyone who holds public office takes an oath to uphold the law. While everyone is entitled to their day in court, voter fraud is a very serious crime for which we have zero tolerance. The punishment is very severe for anyone who gives false information when registering to vote. This arrest underscores the strength of our system in Connecticut for enforcing our election laws, from the State Elections Enforcement Commission to the Chief State’s Attorney’s office who investigate and prosecute these felonies.”