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## **SECRETARY MERRILL RESPONDS TO REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN LABRIOLA'S CRITICISM OF ELECTION REFORM PROPOSALS**

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released the following statement in response to yesterday's criticism from Connecticut Republican party state chairman Jerry Labriola concerning Secretary Merrill's proposal to improving election administration in Connecticut.

"Jerry Labriola just doesn't get it. My plan is the opposite of partisan, converting a job filled by the major parties without a competitive election to a professional position with basic qualifications and mandatory continuing education. The voters deserve no less, but I guess the chairman does not agree."