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BEFORE CONNECTICUT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, VOTER REGISTRATIONS SURGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

More than 45,000 people under 30-years-old registered to vote in Connecticut in 2016

HARTFORD: Tens of thousands of young people are registering to vote in Connecticut in advance of the April 26 presidential primary.

Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill said, “Of new voters who registered in 2016, people under 30-years-old are the largest group. These are young people who we hope will make a lifelong habit of participating in our democracy. This is exciting and there is nothing like competitive races to get people engaged.”

Between January and April 21, 39,179 people between 18-to-29-years-old registered to vote. Typically around two-thirds registered online. An additional 6,064 people under the age of 18 also registered in 2016. Seventeen-year-olds who turn 18 before the general election are allowed to register to vote and participate in the primary.

New registrations from January 1, 2016 to April 21, 2016:

- *Under-18:* 6,064
- *18-29-years-old:* 39,179
- *30-44-years-old:* 21,521
- *45-59-years-old:* 12,788
- *60+:* 9,234

Party breakdown of new registrations for voters under 30-years-old from January 1, 2016 to April 21, 2016:

- *Democrat:* 23,964
- *Republican:* 8,387
- *Unaffiliated:* 12,238

New registrations of all ages from January 1, 2016 to April 21, 2016:

- *Total:* 87,085

Party breakdown of all voters under 30-years-old (as of April 21, 2016):

- *Democrat:* 121,254
- *Republican:* 49,078
- *Unaffiliated:* 135,673
- *Total:* 311,709