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**SECRETARY MERRILL CHALLENGES PRESIDENT'S  
REPORTED CLAIMS OF ILLEGAL VOTING**

**Hartford:** Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill said, "Our democracy is the most transparent in the world. Our voter rolls are public information and elections officials are honorable public servants who carry out their tasks in an open and accessible manner. To claim, without a shred of evidence, that millions of 'illegal votes' were cast does nothing but undermine people's confidence in democracy. Working to undercut the public's faith in a free and fair vote is beyond irresponsible, it is frankly un-American. What's worse, I fear that these lies are being stated in order to lay the groundwork for a draconian assault on voting rights. I sincerely hope I am proven wrong."