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## SECRETARY MERRILL RELEASES LIST OF REGISTERED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ELECTION

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS ELIGIBLE VOTERS THAT FINAL IN-PERSON VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE BEFORE ELECTION DAY IS JUST FIVE DAYS AWAY

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released the complete list of registered write-in candidates for various seats on Connecticut ballots for the November 4, 2014 general. The list includes four pairs of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, one candidate for State Treasurer, and two for the fourth Congressional district. There are also a number of write-in candidates running for various state House and Senate seats and one write-in candidate for Registrar of Voters in Bristol (a complete list follows at the bottom of this news release). Write-in candidates must register with the Secretary of the state if they want to receive votes in the November 4<sup>th</sup> general election, and the deadline to register was Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot but voting machines are programmed to accept votes for write-ins if they are registered with the Secretary of the State. Secretary Merrill is also reminding all eligible voters in Connecticut that the final deadline to register to vote in-person at town or city offices prior to Election Day is Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

"Barring any last-minute withdrawals, our list of candidates for the November 4<sup>th</sup> general election is now set," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief election official. "I want to make sure voters are informed about every candidate eligible to receive votes on Election Day, whether their names appear on the ballot or not. This election has certainly generated a lot of attention, so I urge anyone at all thinking about the very important issues facing your city or town, our state and our country – register to vote now so you can ensure your voice is heard on November 4<sup>th</sup>! The final day to register before the election is next Tuesday October  $28^{th}$  – and you must show up in-person at your town or

city hall. Don't sit this one out – we want to hear from every eligible voter on Election Day November 4<sup>th</sup>."

The following is a complete list of registered write-in candidates for political office in Connecticut in 2014:

Office	Candidate
Governor Lieutenant Governor	Jonathan Pelto Ebony S. Murphy
Governor Lieutenant Governor	John Renjilian Jason Renjilian
Governor Lieutenant Governor	John Traceski Elizabeth Traceski
Governor Lieutenant Governor	Daniel R. Gaita Jason D. Smith
Treasurer	Rolf Maurer
4 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District	Stephen A. Miller
4 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District	Sophie E. Pastore
State Senate - District #6	Todd Cheney
State Senate – District #10	Aaron Freeman
State Senate – District #26	Thomas Burke
State Senate – District #34	David DeBlasi
State Representative – District #44	Frank G. Anderson
State Representative – District #107	Bruce Siennick
Registrar of Voters – Bristol	Ajmal Mehdi

On Election Day November 4, 2014 polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. throughout the state. Voters can check their registration status online, find where their polling place is located, view the ballot from their city or town, and download voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications by visiting www.sots.ct.gov/vote