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## ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

**HARTFORD:** Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill has announced that absentee ballots are now available to registered Connecticut voters who will be unable to get to their polling places to cast a ballot on Election Day.

"If you will be out of town or unable to get to the polls on Election Day, please don't get left out," said Secretary Merrill. "Absentee ballots are now available. A little preparation is all it takes to have your voice heard on November 8. The sooner you apply, the better."

To obtain an absentee ballot, registered Connecticut voters can download an application from the Secretary of the State's website (<a href="www.sots.ct.gov">www.sots.ct.gov</a>) or local town websites, or they can contact their local town clerk's office to pick up an application in-person or receive one through the mail. After the applications are submitted, absentee ballots will be sent to registered voters who request them within days. Absentee ballots must be signed and can be returned through the mail or in-person. In order to be counted for the general election, absentee ballots must be received by town clerks no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2016.

Absentee ballots are only available to registered voters. For more information about registering to vote, go to: myvote.ct.gov.