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**MERRILL: CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS
HAVE ONE WEEK TO REGISTER TO VOTE
IN-PERSON BEFORE NOVEMBER 6TH
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS VOTERS THAT MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY TODAY; MORE THAN 62,000 NEW VOTERS HAVE
REGISTERED IN THE LAST MONTH

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded eligible voters in Connecticut that they have one week to register to vote before the General Election on November 6, 2012. Voters who want to register by mail must have their registration cards postmarked no later than today, October 23rd and the final deadline to register to vote in-person at town or city offices is Tuesday October 30th. Secretary Merrill is also reporting that the number of registered voters in Connecticut continues to rise, with another 62,000 new voters registering in the last month and nearly 153,000 new voters registering so far in 2012.

“There is only one week left to register to vote, and I urge every eligible voter: don’t sit on the sidelines. Register now so your voice can be heard on November 6th,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s top elections official. “The leaders we choose to serve us in Hartford and Washington, D.C. will have great impact on our state for years. We have many competitive races, and every vote is going to count in 2012. If you are not registered, you must put your forms in the mail by today and you have one week to register in-person at your town offices. Time is running out to register, so I encourage everyone concerned with the direction of our country and our state to register to vote now so you can cast a ballot on November 6th.”

Secretary Merrill also reported today that the total number of registered voters in Connecticut is 2,045,689. The largest group of registered voters in Connecticut is

unaffiliated, accounting for 851,631 voters. There are 751,522 registered Democrats and 425,106 registered Republicans. (A complete list is attached)

Since the beginning of this year, at least 152,930 Connecticut residents have become newly registered voters. Of those, there are 53,264 new Democrats, compared to 26,768 new Republicans and 68,998 new unaffiliated voters. Once again, young voters between the ages of 18-29 represent the largest number of newly registered voters, with more than 67,290 registering since the beginning of this year.

For more information about Connecticut’s safe, easy, and secure optical scan voting system and to download voter registration and absentee ballot forms, find out if you are registered to vote and where your polling place is, visit www.sots.ct.gov

TOTAL CT ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 10/22/2012

PARTY	COUNT
A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	6
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	9
Concerned Citizens	183
Connecticut For Lieberman	83
Democratic	751,522
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	13
Green	1,770
Guilty	1
Independence	827
Independence For Montville	7
Independent	12,628
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	1,487
Milford Independent Party	3
Norwich for Change	1
Pro-Bethel	2
Realistic Balance	3
Reform	86
Republican	425,106
Swing	2
The Hampton Party	1
Unaffiliated	851,631
We The People	44
Winsted Independent	37
Working Families	200
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TOTAL	2,045,689

NEW CT ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Connecticut Party	1
Canterbury First	1
Chatham Party	1
Concerned Citizens	1
Connecticut For Lieberman	8
Democratic	53,264
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	174
Independence	72
Independent	3,300
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	287
Reform	8
Republican	26,768
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	68,998
We The People	3
Winsted Independent	1
Working Families	40
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TOTAL	152,930

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12 AGE 18 TO 29

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	1
Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	22,800
Green	94
Independence	27
Independent	1,647
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	166
Reform	5
Republican	10,679
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	31,837
We The People	2
Working Families	26
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TOTAL	67,290

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12 AGE 30 TO 44

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Canterbury First	1
Chatham Party	1

Connecticut For Lieberman	2
Democratic	13,150
Green	54
Independence	18
Independent	734
Libertarian	87
Reform	2
Republican	6,726
Unaffiliated	17,140
Working Families	9
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TOTAL	37,924

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12 AGE 45 TO 59

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	1
Democratic	9,884
Green	19
Independence	11
Independent	529
Libertarian	17
Reform	1
Republican	5,343
Unaffiliated	11,056
We The People	1
Winsted Independent	1
Working Families	2
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TOTAL	26,865

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12 AGE 60 AND OLDER

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	2
Democratic	7,177
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	7
Independence	15
Independent	371
Libertarian	15
Republican	3,842
Unaffiliated	8,533
Working Families	3
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TOTAL	19,966