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**MERRILL: PETITIONS FOR AUGUST 14TH
PRIMARY DUE TOMORROW**

JUNE 12TH DEADLINE FOR DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS SEEKING TO
PETITION THEIR WAY ONTO AUGUST PRIMARY BALLOT

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is reminding any candidates who did not receive at least 15% support from state and district convention delegates that they have until tomorrow, June 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to turn in primary petitions if they wish to appear on the August 14th statewide primary ballot. The primary petitions are obtainable at the Secretary of the State's Office at 30 Trinity Street in Hartford and must be delivered in person to the Registrar of Voters offices in the towns where the petitions were collected. Petitions for single-town legislative districts or Registrar of Voters races are available from local Registrar of Voters offices.

"It is imperative that the Democratic and Republican candidates who did not qualify for the statewide primary turn in their signatures by tomorrow," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections official. "Following the close of the conventions, this is the only way to ensure that the names of the candidates who wish to petition their way into the primary on August 14th will get their names on the ballot."

Any candidate who wishes to petition their way onto the August 14th statewide primary ballot for statewide office and Representative in Congress must collect the signatures of at least 2% of the enrolled party members in the district in which they are seeking office. Anyone wanting to join the primary via petition for Registrar of Voters or a seat in the Connecticut General Assembly must collect signatures from at least 5% of the enrolled party members in a particular district or town. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for registered Democrats and Republicans to cast ballots in the statewide primary August 14, 2012.