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MERRILL RECEIVES WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY FROM SPEAKER DONOVAN FOR 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS WORKING FAMILIES PARTY HAS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5TH TO NOMINATE NEW CANDIDATE FOR 5TH CD

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today received an official letter from House Speaker Chris Donovan withdrawing his candidacy for the 5th Congressional District. Donovan was the endorsed candidate of the Working Families party and would have appeared on the ballot the November 6, 2012 general election in the 5th Congressional District. According to Connecticut election law, Donovan’s withdrawal gives the Working Families party until September 5, 2012 – the minor party nomination and certification deadline – to choose a new candidate for that Congressional seat if it wishes to.

“I have received Speaker Donovan’s letter withdrawing his candidacy for Congress in the 5th Congressional District,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “Since Speaker Donovan was the endorsed candidate for the 5th Congressional District of the Working Families party, that party now has until September 5th to nominate someone else if it wants to put a candidate on the November general election ballot.”

A copy of Speaker Donovan’s withdrawal letter is attached to this news release.

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