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PRIMARY HOTLINE READY TO ASSIST VOTERS

HARTFORD: The Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill and the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) are launching a primary day hotline to respond to any voter problems at the polls. The public can access the hotline by dialing 866-SEEC-INFO or emailing elections@ct.gov. The hotline and email address will be monitored throughout the day by SEEC and the Secretary of the State's office.

"We count on the public as much as we do election workers to report problems," said Michael J. Brandi, Executive Director and General Counsel of the State Elections Enforcement Commission. "Anyone with knowledge of election fraud or voting rights abuses is encouraged to call to report suspected violations. We will have the phones fully staffed to answer questions, advise on complaint procedures and, if appropriate, request the assistance of state criminal or federal law enforcement authorities."

Secretary Merrill said, "If you see something, say something. We can only respond to issues if you let us know as they are happening. If you have any problems on primary day, please don't stay silent. Give us a call or send an email."

Concerns may be reported anonymously, however, it is requested that callers identify the town and polling place where problems occurred in addition to as many details as possible. SEEC and the Secretary of the State's staff will attend to the situation and find a solution in a timely manner. In addition to the email and telephone hotline, the Secretary of the State's office and SEEC will hold two separate conference calls during primary day, August 9, to share information about potential problems or complaints at the polls, and coordinate the appropriate response.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on August 9 in a number of towns and cities for registered Republicans and Democrats. Voters should go to myvote.ct.gov to confirm that they are registered to vote, locate their polling places and check what type of identification to bring with them to the polls.

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