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MERRILL: VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE FAST APPROACHING FOR NOVEMBER 6TH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS VOTERS THAT MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS MUST
BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 23RD; MORE THAN 40,000 NEW VOTERS HAVE
REGISTERED IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded eligible voters in Connecticut that voter registration deadlines for the November 6, 2012 presidential election are fast approaching. Voters who want to register by mail must have their registration cards postmarked no later than Tuesday 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 40,000 new voters registering since the voter registration report on September 25th and more than 130,000 new voters registering so far in 2012.

“For all of the campaigning that has taken place in the last year, there remain just two weeks to register to vote in Connecticut before this crucial Presidential election, 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 and country 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 next Tuesday October 23rd. You have until the following Tuesday October 30th 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 2,026,137. The largest group of registered voters in Connecticut is unaffiliated, accounting for 842,335 voters. There are 744,729 registered Democrats and 422,312 registered Republicans. (A complete list is attached)

Since the beginning of this year, at least 130,586 Connecticut residents have become newly registered voters. Of those, there are 45,625 new Democrats, compared to 23,379 new Republicans and 58,310 new unaffiliated voters.

Secretary Merrill urges any U.S. citizen aged 18 or over to go online at www.sots.ct.gov to find out if they are registered to vote, download voter registration forms, find out where their polling place is located, or download an application for an absentee ballot if they will be out of town or physically unable to be in their polling place on Election Day Tuesday November 6, 2012. Polls will be open that day from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. statewide for the Presidential election.

ACTIVE CONNECTICUT REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 10/16/12

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	6
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	9
Concerned Citizens	183
Connecticut For Lieberman	79
Democratic	744,729
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	13
Green	1,751
Guilty	1
Independence	826
Independence For Montville	7
Independent	12,042
Independent Choice	1
Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	1,433
Milford Independent Party	3
Norwich for Change	1
Pro-Bethel	2
Realistic Balance	3
Reform	85
Republican	422,312
Swing	2
The Hampton Party	1
Unaffiliated	842,335
We The People	44
Winsted Independent	37
Working Families	195
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TOTAL	2,026,137

NEW 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	5
Democratic	45,625
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	148
Independence	65
Independent	2,759
Independent Choice	1
Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	240
Reform	7
Republican	23,379
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	58,310
We The People	3
Winsted Independent	1
Working Families	36
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TOTAL	130,586