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**MERRILL: MORE THAN 200,000 NEW
VOTERS REGISTER IN CONNECTICUT
PRIOR TO 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE SEES HIGH VOTER INTEREST SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF THE YEAR – STRONG NEW REGISTRATION BY YOUNG VOTERS AGE 18-29

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today marked National Voter Registration Day by reporting that since the beginning January 1, 2012 more than 200,000 new voters have registered in Connecticut making themselves eligible to vote in the November 6, 2012 presidential election. Once again, nearly half of all new voters this year are young voters between the ages of 18-29. The total number of active registered voters in Connecticut is 2,089,311 – just shy of the all-time record of active registered voters measured prior to the 2008 presidential election. A complete breakdown of the latest voter registration statistics follows at the bottom of this news release.

“We have seen a real surge of interest in this election in the last six weeks – more than 100,000 Connecticut citizens have become newly registered voters since the end of September and I think this is a very encouraging sign,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “Many people are now focused on the critical questions facing our country and our state as we head to the polls tomorrow, and the trick is to take that focus and turn it into action. It is very civic minded to register to vote – but now is the time to make your voice heard by casting a ballot. It is also very encouraging to see the largest group of our new voters is our young voters between the ages of 18-29. This is hopefully the beginning of a lifelong pattern of participation in Democracy.”

Since January 1, 2012, more than 201,937 new voters have registered in Connecticut. As was the case in 2008, young people (18-29 years-old) represent the largest group of new voters in the state with 90,089 registering so far this year. Currently, there are 2,089,311 active registered voters in Connecticut including 767,693 Democrats, 430,439 Republicans and 872,243 unaffiliated votes. Among newly registered voters some 70,928 registered as Democrats and 33,067 registered as Republicans, while 92,592 registered as unaffiliated.

Secretary Merrill encourages voters to go online to www.sots.ct.gov to find out if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located. Polls will be open for the Presidential election from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012.

ACTIVE VOTERS IN CONNECTICUT AS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2012

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	7
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	9
Concerned Citizens	182
Connecticut For Lieberman	83
Democratic	767,693
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	13
Green	1,815
Guilty	1
Independence	833
Independence For Montville	7
Independent	13,933
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	1,603
Milford Independent Party	3
Norwich for Change	1
Pro-Bethel	2
Realistic Balance	5
Reform	87
Republican	430,439
Spring Glen Party	9
Swing	2
The Hampton Party	1
Unaffiliated	872,243
We The People	44
Winsted Independent	37
Working Families	222
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TOTAL	2,089,311

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Connecticut Party	2
Canterbury First	1
Chatham Party	1
Concerned Citizens	2
Connecticut For Lieberman	9
Democratic	70,928
Friends Of Saybrook	2

Green	223
Independence	88
Independent	4,537
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	398
Realistic Balance	2
Reform	9
Republican	33,067
Spring Glen Party	9
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	92,592
We The People	3
Winsted Independent	2
Working Families	60
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TOTAL	201,937

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

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Connecticut Party	2
Concerned Citizens	2
Connecticut For Lieberman	4
Democratic	31,061
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	118
Independence	36
Independent	2,267
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	237
Realistic Balance	1
Reform	4
Republican	13,268
Spring Glen Party	6
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	43,036
We The People	2
Working Families	42
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TOTAL	90,089

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	18,299
Green	70
Independence	23
Independent	1,091
Libertarian	118
Realistic Balance	1

Reform	3
Republican	8,703
Spring Glen Party	2
Unaffiliated	23,916
Working Families	9
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TOTAL	52,239

NEW VOTERS AS OF 1/1/12 AGE 45 TO 59

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	1
Democratic	12,885
Green	28
Independence	13
Independent	709
Libertarian	24
Reform	2
Republican	6,669
Spring Glen Party	1
Unaffiliated	15,216
We The People	1
Winsted Independent	2
Working Families	5
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TOTAL	35,556

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

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	2
Democratic	8,532
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	7
Independence	16
Independent	458
Libertarian	17
Republican	4,324
Unaffiliated	10,178
Working Families	4
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TOTAL	23,539

ACTIVE VOTERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AS OF 11/2/2012

CD1:

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	15
Connecticut For Lieberman	31
Democratic	179,583
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	275
Independence	59

Independent	2,517
Libertarian	283
Reform	6
Republican	72,256
Unaffiliated	158,329
Winsted Independent	37
Working Families	75

CD1 TOTAL 413,468

CD2:

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Connecticut Party	1
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	9
Concerned Citizens	8
Connecticut For Lieberman	18
Democratic	133,842
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	504
Independence	270
Independence For Montville	7
Independent	3,210
Libertarian	420
Norwich for Change	1
Reform	18
Republican	91,599
The Hampton Party	1
Unaffiliated	197,774
Working Families	40

CD2 TOTAL 427,753

CD3:

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	4
Concerned Citizens	18
Connecticut For Lieberman	16
Democratic	173,054
Friends Of Saybrook	6
Green	417
Guilty	1
Independence	196
Independent	1,785
Libertarian	238
Milford Independent Party	3
Realistic Balance	5
Reform	34
Republican	64,806

Spring Glen Party	9
Unaffiliated	176,547
Working Families	28

CD3 TOTAL	417,173

CD4:

PARTY	COUNT
A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	5
Connecticut For Lieberman	4
Democratic	146,206
Friends Of Saybrook	3
Green	273
Independence	178
Independent	2,926
Libertarian	348
Reform	23
Republican	104,650
Unaffiliated	158,337
Working Families	24

CD4 TOTAL	412,978

CD5:

PARTY	COUNT
Concerned Citizens	136
Connecticut For Lieberman	14
Democratic	135,014
Friends Of Saybrook	2
Green	346
Independence	130
Independent	3,495
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	314
Pro-Bethel	2
Reform	6
Republican	97,128
Swing	2
Unaffiliated	181,260
We The People	44
Working Families	55

CD5 TOTAL	417,949