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Welcome to the first installment of my office's email newsletter.

I begin with exciting news regarding an initiative to amend the state constitution to allow 17 year-olds, who will be 18 by the general election, to vote in a primary. After being approved unanimously by the Government Administrative and Elections Committee, the proposal now awaits a full vote by the General Assembly.

If approved, this measure would allow 17 year-olds who will be 18 years-old by the time of the general election to vote in the primary. We expect that each year this measure would enable as many as 10,000 17 year-olds to vote in a primary election. **Click here** to read an op-ed that I co-authored with Rep. James Spallone that was recently published in the Hartford Courant.

In other news, my office's 14th Small and Minority Business Showcase is about to take place in Danbury on April 19th. This is a great opportunity for small business owners, who are responsible for creating the vast majority of new jobs in this state, to network and learn from other entrepreneurs. **Click here** to visit the Showcase's website and get more details.

Finally, I want to update you on my office's delivery of new optical scan voting machines for all 169 towns and cities in Connecticut. Machine delivery continues to proceed on schedule and all municipalities will have the new machines by May 22, 2007. Right now Fairfield and New Haven Counties, along with May Election towns, are 100% complete. Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham Counties are nearly done, with deliveries occurring every week.

Thank you for reading this new email newsletter.

Sincerely,

Susan Bysiewicz
Secretary of the State