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**BYSIEWICZ RELEASES STATEMENT CONCERNING
FLORIDA'S PLAN TO MOVE ITS PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY TO JANUARY**

BYSIEWICZ SAYS THE "POLITICAL GAME OF CHICKEN" BETWEEN FLORIDA AND THE
NATIONAL PARTIES HURTS CONNECTICUT VOTERS

"I am very disappointed that an already broken presidential election process is getting even worse. The Florida legislature's decision to leapfrog over the Feb. 5th primary date and hold their presidential primary in January is bad for Connecticut, bad for the electoral process, and bad for the nation."

"It is regrettable that in the absence of a rational system for electing a president, we have created an ad-hoc national primary day that favors the well financed, well known candidates. This phenomenon has left many states, including Connecticut, with an impossible choice: leave primary day where it is and risk disenfranchising residents, or join the 'super-duper' primary."

"I proposed that Connecticut move its primary to Feb. 5th to at least be a part of the electoral process. But one day after our State Senate approved moving Connecticut's presidential primaries; Florida has decided to go even further. Their decision to flout national party rules is frankly irresponsible. Ultimately, Congress and our national parties must reach agreement on a better system"

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