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## **WITH TUESDAY DEADLINE LOOMING, BYSIEWICZ URGES RESIDENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

BYSIEWICZ: CONNECTICUT HAS A CHANCE TO HIT ALL TIME HIGH OF  
2 MILLION VOTERS

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today reminded Connecticut residents that time is running out to mail in their voter registration forms - which must be postmarked by the end of the day Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Connecticut residents who fail to meet the mail-in deadline have until Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8 p.m. – to register in person at their local Town Hall.

“This November, Connecticut residents will have a chance to shape their local government,” said Bysiewicz. “Registering to vote is a small step that can make a big impact on your community. We are seeing a steady increase in the number of people registering to vote over the last several years and it is crucial that it continues. My goal is 2 million registered voters by November 2008.”

The number of registered voters in Connecticut is 1,899,351 - an increase of 176,693 (since October 18, 2005) – the highest total number of registered voters in a non-presidential year and the third highest number of registered voters in the last 60 years. Unaffiliated voters and both major parties experienced growth over the last 2 years.

Since October 18, 2005:

- Democratic Party – 63,370 new voters (36% of new voters)
- Republican Party – 26,678 new voters (15% of new voters)
- Unaffiliated Voters – 85,686 new voter (48% of new voters)

The Office of the Secretary of State has implemented an aggressive voter registration program. As part of her effort to increase voter registration in Connecticut, Secretary Bysiewicz this past year registered more than 1,000 high school students. The Office of the Secretary of the State registers new citizens to vote at naturalization ceremonies across Connecticut. Secretary Bysiewicz has conducted more than 175 voting machine demonstrations highlighting the new machines and registering voters.

Registrars of Voters in each town will be holding extended office hours on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> in advance of the registration deadline. Voter registration forms can be downloaded from the Secretary of the State's website by visiting:

<http://www.sots.ct.gov/ElectionsServices/electforms/ed671.pdf>