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SECRETARY OF THE STATE SAYS PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN HARTFORD

Hartford: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz says the public should be concerned about the reduction in the size of the state capitol press corps. With fewer reporters covering the day-to-day business of the state government, the secretary is troubled that the citizens of our state will be less informed about the decisions being made that affect their lives.

“A vibrant democracy is dependent on its citizens having access to information,” said Bysiewicz. “Our citizens rely on independent investigative journalists as a powerful force in keeping government honest. Today, as a result of a layoffs and cutbacks, with fewer eyes keeping watch, the public and electorate will be less well informed. As I push for ethics reform this session and think of the string of politicians that have betrayed the public trust, I cannot help but feel the people of Connecticut would be better served by the consistent daily coverage of a large capitol press corps.”

After suffering declines in print circulation and advertising in recent years, buyouts and layoffs are being imposed at newspapers all over the country.