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## **SECRETARY BYSIEWICZ: MORE THAN 53,000 NEW VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED SINCE THE PRIMARY**

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HARTFORD – Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz announced today that 53,447 new voters registered in Connecticut between the August 8<sup>th</sup> primary and the October 31<sup>st</sup> voter registration deadline. Secretary Bysiewicz had previously set a goal of registering 35,000 new voters in that timeframe. "I am delighted that there is so much interest in the upcoming election and that more of our citizens are choosing to register and participate in our electoral process," Secretary Bysiewicz said.

This impressive number of newly registered voters brings the state's total population of registered voters to 1,937,692, the highest it has ever been for an election for statewide office. Since May 1, 2006, a total of 86,124 new voters have registered to vote throughout Connecticut. **(A COMPLETE LIST OF NEW VOTERS BY PARTY IS ATTACHED TO THIS PRESS RELEASE).**

"I want to thank every Connecticut citizen who registered to vote during our fall 'Shape Tomorrow – Register and Vote' campaign, as well as all of those who have registered in the past six months. The registration deadline was on Tuesday night, and we know that there was a flurry of activity in Town Halls throughout the state that night, because more than 4,000 new voters were registered in the final five hours before the 8:00 p.m. deadline," Secretary Bysiewicz said. "This is a magnificent showing by the people of Connecticut, and it bodes very well for an excellent turnout on November 7<sup>th</sup>. I am confident that we will see more than sixty-five (65) percent of our voters come to the polls next week, which would be our highest turnout for a statewide election in more than a decade."

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## **New Voters Since May 1**

<b>Democrat</b>	<b>32,724</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>12,666</b>
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>40,307</b>
<b>Minor</b>	<b>427</b>

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**TOTAL**                      **86,124**

## **New Voters Since August 8<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Democrat</b>	<b>18,263</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>8,739</b>
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>26,192</b>
<b>Minor Party</b>	<b>282</b>

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**TOTAL**                      **53,477**