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SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S OFFICE BEGINS RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN AUGUST PRIMARY

HARTFORD – The Office of Secretary of the State began a statewide radio public service campaign today to encourage Connecticut voters to participate in the August 8th state primaries. This year's primaries include Democratic races for Governor and United States Senate, a Republican race for the 1st Congressional District, and twelve General Assembly races throughout Connecticut.

The 60-second public service announcement features the voice of Deputy Secretary of the State Lesley Mara, and encourages Connecticut citizens to register with either party for the August 8th primary elections. A Spanish-language version was recorded as well and will be aired on several Hispanic and Latino radio stations in the state.

"On August 8 affiliated voters have the opportunity to participate in a number of significant Republican and Democratic primary races throughout the state. Unfortunately, more than 900,000 voters will not be allowed to participate because they are unaffiliated. As Connecticut's Chief Elections Official, it is my job to encourage citizens to take part in every opportunity to vote, so I am encouraging unaffiliated voters to go to their Town Halls by August 7th at 12 p.m. to register with either the Democrats or Republicans so they can participate," Secretary Bysiewicz said. "Our democracy begins with voting. Our young men and women are fighting in the War on Terror to bring these precious freedoms to people in Iraq and Afghanistan, and voting is a very meaningful way to thank them for their service to our country."

The public service announcements are scheduled to run on numerous radio stations between now and August 8th.

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