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**FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS PROMOTE TELEPHONE HOTLINE
FOR REPORTING ELECTION FRAUD AND VOTING RIGHTS ABUSES**

In an effort to ensure that the November 4, 2008 elections are administered fairly in every city and town in Connecticut, Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut; Jeffrey B. Garfield, Executive Director and General Counsel for the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission; Susan Bysiewicz, Connecticut Secretary of the State; and Kevin T. Kane, Connecticut Chief State's Attorney, today announced that a telephone hotline again will be available for use by anyone who witnesses or experiences voting irregularities on Election Day.

The hotline will be staffed by the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) during polling hours on Election Day. Anyone with knowledge of election fraud or voting rights abuses is encouraged to call **1-866-733-2463 (1-866-SEEC-INFO)** to report suspected violations. Individuals in the Hartford local calling area can call the SEEC at **860-256-2940**. The SEEC staff will answer questions, advise on complaint procedures and, if necessary, request the assistance of other state criminal or federal law enforcement authorities in the investigation and, if appropriate, prosecution of the matter.

From 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, representatives of the United States Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be in direct contact with the SEEC in order to receive any complaints of electoral corruption or civil rights violations.

The SEEC is the primary elections investigative and civil enforcement authority in Connecticut.

The Secretary of the State is Connecticut's Constitutional office charged with overseeing all elections, which includes advising and assisting local Registrars of Voters and Town Clerks on their statutory responsibilities regarding administration of elections.

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