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TO: Ms. Nancy DiNardo, Chairperson  
Connecticut Democratic Party

Mr. Ben Proto, Chairperson  
Connecticut Republican Party

All Town Chairpersons

FROM: Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto  
Connecticut Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Political Campaign Advertising Signs

As the political campaign season is upon us, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) reminds candidates that Connecticut General Statutes §§21-50 through 21-63 and §23-65; and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §13b-17-19 and §§13a-124a-1 through 13a-124a-7 prohibit the posting of political advertising signs and posters on any State-owned property such as highways, roadways, railways and transit facilities. The Statutes also authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to order the removal of illegally placed signs.

All signs, other than State highway signs, require a permit from the Department. The only signs permitted are those that are posted (a) in accordance with established Regulations, (b) by towns, cities, boroughs, or fire districts, or (c) incorporated fire companies, service clubs or ecclesiastical societies.

Signs illegally placed on State property can cause a safety risk to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians by obstructing views and creating distractions. The Department's maintenance personnel have been instructed to remove all illegally placed political signs in the course of their day's work. No calls will be made to candidates prior to the removal of signs. Political signs are an expense to candidates, and it is not our intention to have them deliberately destroyed. All signs removed by the Department will be held at the nearest Department maintenance facility.

As State and Town chairpersons, please advise candidates and their supporters to refrain from placing any campaign materials on State-owned property.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Daly from the Department's Legislative Affairs Office, at 860-594-3014 or [maryann.daly@ct.gov](mailto:maryann.daly@ct.gov). We would be happy to provide you with a contact at one of our local District Maintenance Offices that will help you with guidance or assistance in determining the boundaries of the State right-of-way along a particular State-owned route, or roadway.

I respectfully ask for your cooperation in this matter.